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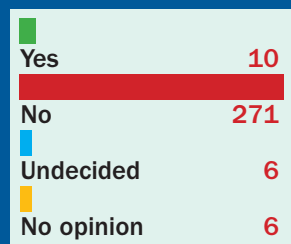
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Hundreds support, oppose governor's impeachment

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REPORTER

Hundreds carrying banners and posters came out yesterday to either support or oppose impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and hundreds more honked their vehicle's horns as they drove past the two separate rallies in San Jose and Susupe in what could be one of the most divisive political issues in the CNMI.

Fitial faces 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty. Three of those articles of impeachment got the Special Committee on Impeachment's approval on Friday; the rest would be acted on in the days ahead.

Fitial said yesterday that removing him from office is not the solution to the CNMI's problems.

Those who support impeaching him, including House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Glen Hunter, said that Fitial is still in "denial"

and removing him is "a step in the right direction," respectively.

The governor said "working together to fix the economy should be our mission."

"Impeachment is not the solution. In other words...if they remove me from office, our problems will not be gone. So that's why I want to call them again so we can sit down and talk solutions to the problems," Fitial told reporters

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US Labor uncovers violations at CHC

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The federal probe on the Commonwealth's public hospital by the U.S. Department of Labor has resulted in the discovery of several violations and an order for the payment of back wages, which affected employees are already starting to receive.

Deanne Amaden, U.S. Department of Labor regional director for public affairs, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that a total of 101 hospital employees were found to have not been paid properly for services rendered between January 2010

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Rota resort unveils \$170M casino plan

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The owner of the Rota Resort & Country Club aims to become a big player in the gaming industry with plans to build a \$170 million casino and hotel that industry leaders and government officials tout as a welcome development for the south-



Cho

ern island in the Northern Marianas.

JMSH, LLC executives said Friday that the Rota Casino & Hotel project aims to attract tourists from China, Japan, and Korea.

Hee Cho, president of JMSH, LLC, which is also a major real estate developer in Guam, said in a news briefing

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Many high school grads fail NMC placement tests

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Many high school graduates—mostly from public schools—fail the Northern Marianas College's placement tests, resulting in them being placed in remedial

programs—classes that are below college-level, according to NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

Hart said that NMC is concerned about the increasing number of students who are taking remedial education because she said this shows their un-

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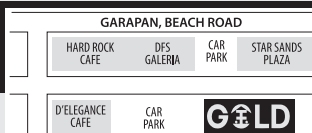
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Fitial hints at reducing govt size

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial hinted of plans to reduce the size of government during an interview on radio talk show *Marianas Agupa* on KWAU 100.3 FM on Saturday morning. He also raised allegations against a House of Representatives member over the purchase of 100 cakes for the elderly on Mother's Day.

Fitial did not name the lawmaker during the radio show or during an interview later.

Saipan Tribune learned from other sources, however, that the governor was referring to Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), who belied the allegations that she described as "another desperate act" to smear her name.

"They would do everything to break my bones, but the truth will come out," Maratita said.

Maratita filed a lawsuit to stop Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and others from pursuing a \$190.8-million power purchase agreement, which is one of the issues in the resolution to impeach the governor. Maratita is also one of the seven co-authors of the impeachment resolution.

Last week, House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) removed Maratita as chairperson of the House Committee on Education.

Maratita said she considers all these as acts of "intimidation, desperation and retaliation."

"They're making an issue out of this. It's another desperate attack," she said.

100 cakes

The allegations against Maratita stemmed from her order of 100 pieces of cakes from a bakery to be given to the elderly on Mother's Day.

Social Security contribution begins in Oct.

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Government employees will start seeing U.S. Social Security tax deductions with their first paycheck in fiscal year 2013, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and outgoing acting Fund administrator Esther S. Ada said in a Sept. 14 memo just a few weeks after the Aug. 30 signing of Public Law 17-79 expressing the CNMI's interest in joining the Social Security program.

Fiscal year 2013 begins on Oct. 1.

Government employees will see a tax deduction of 4.2 percent of their gross salary for Social Security. The 4.2 percent is the current employee rate under the Social Security program.

Beginning in calendar year 2013, the employee rate will increase to 6.2 percent unless U.S. Congress extends the lower rate of 4.2 percent.

The employer contribution is 6.2 percent of the employee's salary, paid on the employee's behalf.

Upon completing enough quarters of service and reaching the required age for retirement, government employees may become eligible for Social Security benefits.

The three-page memo said the enactment of PL 17-82, government employees now have options with respect to their

er's Day in May.

Each cake costs \$3.55, for a total of \$355 for 100 pieces.

Maratita said she used her own money to pay for the cakes and later asked the Department of Finance to reimburse her \$355, just like any other lawmaker who buys bottled water, for example, for their constituents.

Her detractors said the cakes didn't reach the *Man'Amko* Center or the Center on Aging in Garapan, but the ordered cakes were picked up from the bakery.

But Maratita said the cakes were not meant for the elderly at the Office on Aging, but for the female elderly at the parishes in Precinct 1: San Antonio, San Vicente, and Saint Jude parishes.

"So of course the cakes won't reach the *Man'Amko* Center because that's not ordered for them, but for the *man'amko* outside the center, those in Precinct 2," she said.

OPA probe

The Office of the Public Auditor investigated the matter.

Maratita said in the beginning, OPA put a stop to the reimbursement process.

"Later on OPA said Finance can reimburse me, when OPA's

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IN \$190-MILLION POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

OAG: Negotiations were not secret, merely confidential

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The Office of the Attorney General argues that negotiations in the \$190-million power purchase agreement were merely confidential but not made in secret.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, representing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and acting attorney general Viola Alepuyo, said the use of the phrase "in secret" in the lawsuit filed by the Senate and Rep. Janet U. Maratita and Ray Anthony N. Yumul places the CNMI government in a derogatory light.

Lochabay said it is not unusual for contract negotiations to be confidential in the course of ordinary business.

"Plaintiffs deliberately choose inflammatory language when they could have simply stated that confidential negotiations culminated in the Diesel Plant Agreement," the government lawyer said.

He asserted that the terms and conditions of the Power Purchase Agreement are clearly not being kept a secret by the government as they are contained in the plaintiffs' own exhibits that were filed in their complaint.

Lochabay presented the argument in Fitial's and Alepuyo's motions to dismiss the lawsuit and strike and/or dismiss significant portions of the complaint.

The Senate, Maratita, and Yumul are suing Fitial, former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC to stop the power purchase agreement.

Alepuyo substituted herself for Buckingham because Buckingham had already resigned as attorney general.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that the 25-year power purchase agreement is "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman re-

cently issued a preliminary injunction that prohibits Fitial and co-defendants from pursuing all agreements associated or related to the \$190-million power purchase agreement.

In Fitial's and Alepuyo's motion to strike, Lochabay said the plaintiffs included inflammatory

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola has put on hold his appointment to the Rota Casino Gaming Commission owing to lack of funds.

The Rota Casino Gaming Commission is a regulatory agency composed of five members appointed by the Mayor of Rota with the advice and consent of the Rota Municipal

statements that are irrelevant and make no substantial factual allegations that support their claims.

Much of the language used in the complaint, Lochabay said, is clearly prejudicial and should be stricken.

Lochabay said the plaintiffs also keep repeating the language "mysterious" regarding Saipan Development when in fact it is a registered Delaware corporation that has not yet actually begun building a power

plant on Saipan.

He said when Saipan Development begins to seek permits and take the first steps toward actual construction, it will need to register itself with the CNMI Registrar of Corporations.

"The government defendants are unaware of any law that requires a business to register with the CNMI Registrar of Corporations before it enters into a contractual agreement on Saipan," Lochabay said.

He said to require contract bidders to be licensed in order to bid on a procurement would stifle off-island bidders and is not in the best interest of the CNMI.

"It is current practice to require bidders to obtain a CNMI license only after they have been awarded a contract," he added.

Lochabay said most of the allegations in the complaint are legal conclusions cast in the form of factual allegations and should be dismissed.

Lack of funds stalls gaming panel appointment

Council.

At present, the commission has three members: chair Laura Manglona, vice chair Efrén Taimanao, and secretary Kelvin Hocog.

"I'm not putting additional people because of the economy. We cannot fund them properly," Mendiola said Friday.

By law, members of the com-

mission are compensated at the rate of \$60,000 per year. This may be re-adjusted by an approved regulation with the concurrence of the Rota Municipal Council.

The law also stipulates that casino operation authorization can only be issued by the commission if approved by four

members.

Since there are no casino license applicants at the moment, Mendiola said he will not appoint another member.

"When somebody applies, I would be forced to appoint someone. I'm trying to be very conservative," he explained. (Clarissa V. David)

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investigation didn't see violations. Up to now Finance has yet to reimburse me," she said.

On July 2, OPA legal counsel George Hasselback wrote a letter to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), "rescinding" a June 5 letter sent to the speaker regarding complaints about Maratita.

"Please take no action on the matters contained therein. If there is any need to further communicate with you on this matter, another letter will be forthcoming. Thank you and

my apologies if this has caused you any inconvenience," Hasselback said in a one-page letter, a copy of which was obtained yesterday by *Saipan Tribune*.

Reduce government

During Fitial's radio interview, he said he will reduce the size of government, something that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Senate have been asking for.

Fitial also reiterated his written message to the public which he issued last week, in lieu of a letter he was supposed to send to the Legislature answering each of the 16 Articles of Impeachment.

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and January 2012. The federal agency ordered the payment of back wages amounting to \$105,366.66.

Amaden disclosed that many of these affected employees are nurses who work beyond their scheduled shifts.

“The investigation had determined that employees were not paid at least the half-time premium (time and one half the regular rate) when they worked in excess of 40 hours per week. The issues that led to this are that nursing employees often worked beyond their scheduled shift but were not paid for that time. The uncompensated time

was usually for work such as charting patient care and transferring information to the incoming shift,” said Amaden.

It was also found that some employees were not paid for mandatory monthly unit staff meetings and required annual refresher training courses. Employees also had 30-minute meal breaks deducted from their hours even when those breaks were interrupted, Amaden said.

According to the federal official, the Commonwealth Health Corp. has agreed to “take specific steps and corrective measures to come into compliance immediately and going forward.”

The corporation has promised to pay the back wages on an installment basis

until every single cent is settled.

“The Wage and Hour Division worked with CHC to arrange for an installment plan [that] will allow CHC to catch up on the back wages while meeting existing payroll obligations, including addressing record keeping requirements,” said Amaden.

She pointed out that accurately counting and paying for all hours worked is essential to complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act. She said it’s important that all employers, in the public as well as the private sector, recognize that employees must be paid for all hours actually worked, regardless of their planned shift schedule.

“The department is satisfied that the

necessary steps will be taken to avoid violations in the future,” she said.

The case is now considered closed.

The U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division investigated the hospital in February this year after it received complaints that employees were not getting their salaries on time, including the nonpayment of personnel allotments such as insurance and retirement contributions.

As a result of the agreement between U.S. Labor and the health corporation and for immediately taking corrective action on the issue, U.S. Labor will not be filing any complaint against the corporation.

“We consider this matter resolved with only the remaining installment

payments pending and the ongoing distribution of back wage payments,” said Amaden.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta, but no statement has been released since Tuesday last week.

In a visit to the hospital, many employees, who agreed to speak on the condition that they not be named, confirmed receipt of their back wages.

The first batch of affected employees was provided their back wages during last week’s payroll. The amount varies from \$100 to over \$3,000, depending on employee’s unpaid service hours.

Saipan Tribune learned that next batch of back wages is expected to be released next month.

ROTA

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held at the Plumeria Conference Room of the Rota Resort & Country Club that the project involves the construction of over 700 resort rooms to accommodate guests at the casino.

The project is divided into two phases, both confined within Rota Resort & Country Club’s sprawling acreage. The resort currently houses a hotel, an 18-hole championship golf course, swimming pool, massage facility, two restaurants, laundry facility, and nursery.

Phase I would involve building the first 200 rooms of the hotel and the actual casino with the initial gaming tables and slot machines—all for a price tag of \$70 million. Phase II would encompass the construction of 500 rooms worth another \$100 million.

This proposed investment is expected to rake in some \$15 to \$25 million in tax income, and additional \$15 to \$20 million in other industries within three years of opening.

The project is also expected to generate 1,000 jobs within the hotel and casino itself and an additional 1,000 indirect jobs.

“I cannot find any better place for tourism than Rota,” said Cho, describing the island as peaceful, clean, beautiful, and friendly.

Project construction can begin at once, according to JMSH, but plans are hinged on the local and central government and their capability and willingness to work on and address various issues associated with a development project of this magnitude, particularly a workable airport to bring in hundreds of thousands of tourists and an operational seaport to bring in commodities.

“We could invest billions of dollars here but if people cannot come, what

good is it? That’s why the airport is so critical. If you’re an island, transportation is everything,” vice president Jae H. Hong emphasized in an interview after the press briefing.

About 40 individuals representing JMSH executives, Rota officials, and local and visiting representatives from at least three leading Korean tour operators attended Friday’s event, and all agree not just on the island’s potential as a gaming frontrunner in the Pacific but also on the issue of transportation as the project’s biggest hurdle.

Cho said they are looking at bringing in 9-seater aircrafts between Saipan

and Rota as well as Rota and Guam. He also disclosed that Fly Marianas eyes operating daily flights between Guam and Narita and Haneda in Japan, several flights a week to Osaka, Nagoya, Beijing, and Shanghai.

Local leaders said they will work hard to move this project forward.

Senate President Paul Manglona said he would seek the cooperation of federal agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Insular Affairs to find available funding to address the issue on the Rota Airport runway, which could also bring in direct airlines to the island.

NMC

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readiness for college. She said, though, that this is not unique to NMC because other community colleges experience the same thing.

Hart believes, however, that “something has to be done immediately” to address this large number of failing high school students, and this is an area where the Public School

System and the college can work together.

Hart said that NMC provided PSS the data that speaks about the percentages of students under each remedial class to better inform them of the issue. This is one important area, she said, that can be addressed by the ad-hoc committee recently formed by PSS and NMC boards.

Remedial education refers to classes taken by students that are below college-level or non-degree units. Stu-

dents pay tuition and can use financial aid for remedial courses, but they do not receive college credits.

With the constant increase in the number of students in remedial courses, Hart said this does not conform with the purpose of NMC, which is to have all its student obtain a college degree.

Additionally, because many students have been taking remedial courses for some time now while using federal aid, this may end up exhausting the

institution’s federal monies that it could actually use in other areas for actual college students. She pointed out that remedial students do not receive any subsidy from the local budget received by the college.

“This is why we gave [PSS] the statistics we have because remedial is a major issue at the college now. We don’t want to duplicate services and if there’s a way on how we can get our students perform high in math and English, it will be a win-win situation

for all of us,” Hart told *Saipan Tribune*.

An estimated 200 to 300 public high school graduates enter NMC every year.

To determine if students are eligible to enroll in college level courses, NMC conducts entrance examinations called placement tests, which measure the taker’s knowledge in areas like English, math, and language arts. Results of these tests will dictate if a student can, for example, take the college English credit.

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at the rally at Minatchom Atdao in Susupe yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero said he “respectfully disagrees” with the governor. “I believe that a lot of the problems are because of him. So I think he’s in denial,” Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*. He is the main author of the impeachment resolution.

Fitial said the crowd “against impeachment” was “very overwhelming.”

He said he passed by the crowd of those who support impeaching him and said, “they’re doing also what they believe is right for them.”

Hunter, meanwhile, said he agrees that removing Fitial won’t solve all of the problems in the CNMI but “it’s a step in the right direction.”

“In a very long journey, you have to take the first step, so yes it won’t solve everything but it’s a step in the right direction,” he said, adding that he’s glad the governor acknowledged that “everything is in disastrous state” and cannot be fixed overnight but “getting him out of the office is the first one” of those steps.

Another leadership summit

Fitial, surrounded by his family and supporters during the interview, said he will write a letter to the Senate and House leaderships today, inviting them to a third leadership summit to address the CNMI’s problems.

He said the main discussion will be on improving the economy and government, lowering utility costs, addressing the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the NMI Retirement Fund.

“Our people are suffering out there because the cost of power is very high. Bringing in the new power plant will reduce the cost of power...so this is what I’ve been wanting to work together with the Legislature,” he said.

Fitial was referring to a 25-year power purchase agreement with a guaranteed price of \$190.8 million that he said would significantly lower the cost of utility.

The no-bid, secretive power deal is among the issues in the articles of impeachment against Fitial.

The leader of the House minority bloc, meanwhile, said the last time Fitial called for a leadership summit, he “offered two solutions—one was casino and the other one was selling of public lands”—which Deleon Guerrero said he neither supports.

Separate rallies

Fitial supporters estimated the crowd in Susupe yesterday at 300 to 500, including Cabinet members and Republican candidates and their families.

Some 30 second away by car, near the intersection of Microl in San Jose/Oleai stood over 100 individuals also holding placards and posters calling on Fitial to be impeached or resign.

While the pro-Fitial crowd was evidently bigger, the anti-Fitial crowd got the most response from motorists

passing.

“They got the numbers; we got the spirit,” Hunter said.

Fitial belied accusations that he required government employees to attend the rally in Susupe.

“No, that’s not right. I never asked anybody to come here in the first place. This is an initiative by my family, started out last Friday, so it grew out to be a rally today...Nobody was forced to come,” he said.

A feast was served for everyone at the pro-Fitial rally.

Those at the anti-Fitial rally didn’t take a lunch break. One of their signs read, “We don’t need beer, we need justice.”

Fitial supporters repeatedly drove past the pro-impeachment crowd, and both camps reacted every time.

‘Fear’

Leila Staffler and others said many in the community are “silent” supporters of the impeachment movement.

“I’m proud that there’s more than five in the crowd because of the thick atmosphere of fear...I want to thank everyone who showed up, and those who honked their horns to support us. Others who couldn’t stand here with us, I hope you won’t vote for those who support people who broke the law. I also encourage those who can’t come out to work behind the scenes by talking to their representatives to impeach the governor,” Staffler told *Saipan Tribune*.

Staffler, holding a placard that read, “Don’t be afraid. Do the right thing,”

said she was naïve when she voted for Fitial during his first term.

Marja Lee Taitano, holding a placard that reads, “Protehi I Tanota,” said she made a “big mistake” by supporting Fitial and for helping establish the Covenant Party under Fitial.

Bonifacio Sagana, Rabby Syed, Itos Feliciano, and other leaders of worker groups also showed their support to the pro-impeachment crowd.

‘United We Stand...’

Dolores S. Rasiang, a Dandan resident and Fitial supporter, said some lawmakers have been in their positions for several years “and have done nothing to help the CNMI.”

“They only blame the governor but they themselves are not doing anything. I agree with Froilan that it’s a ‘do-nothing Legislature.’ They are just getting paid by taxpayers and do nothing. The governor has been the one doing so many things,” Rasiang said, as she held a placard that read, “Do-Nothing Legislature. Neglect of Duties.”

At least two giant signs in Susupe read, “We support Governor Fitial. United We Stand.”

The pro-impeachment rally’s response, “United We Stand. In Fitial We Fall.”

Merced Ogumoro, a Capital Hill resident and Fitial supporter, said the governor “knows what to do for the betterment of the CNMI people like the economy.”

She said there won’t be enough votes to impeach the governor at the House

of Representatives.

Ron A. Muna said he’s “overwhelmed and very thankful” for the people speaking out and “believing and realizing that they do not have to suffer anymore, that they do not have to live the way they do, living in fear.”

“I truly believe we will have a different governor. It may not be a governor that is perfect but it would be a governor that is pro-active and is here in the islands with us, fighting this battle with us, and making sure that we progress and not have to live the way we are right now. I am also hoping that this would encourage more of our people off island that have fled... to come back home and fight this battle with us,” he said.

He said he begs of Fitial to resign or the lawmakers to impeach him.

“I beg of him to give someone else a chance. It’s obvious that he’s incapable and probably unwilling to help us other than himself and his supporters,” he added.

Seemeeon Odoosee, also a Fitial supporter, said the eight House members who have gone on record saying they will vote “yes” to the impeachment resolution should also be asked, “What have you done to help the CNMI?”

“They’re there for so many years, some over 10 years, and they have just been sitting, waiting for payday and bitching and disgruntled,” he said.

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), one of the House members voting “no” to the impeachment, said the hospital should be the number one priority, not politics.

Manglona recuses self from birth tourism case

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has recused herself from presiding in the case against a man accused of luring pregnant Chinese women to come to Saipan to give birth

so their babies will acquire U.S. citizenship.

In an order issued last week, Manglona said that defendant Kuanyi Chen has received discovery information from the U.S. government that, although

not previously known to her, could create an appearance that questions her impartiality.

In particular, the judge said, there are receipts showing proof of rental payments by witnesses against Chen to an entity to which she has close familial and financial ties. She said the individuals involved in the transactions may therefore be material witnesses in the case.

Manglona said that Chen contends that this relationship calls into question her impartiality as the presiding judge.

The U.S. government disputed Chen's conclusions and disagreed that a recusal is necessary.

Manglona said, however, that she will recuse herself to maintain the integrity of the proceedings and to allow defense counsel to fully cross-examine the government's witness and challenge the government's evidence.

In the event a complete investigation reveals that self-recusal is not warranted, either party may move for reconsideration of her order, Manglona added.

Chen has been indicted with five counts of encouraging illegal entry of aliens for financial gain, five counts of harboring aliens for financial gain, and five counts of illegal transportation of aliens for financial gain. (Ferdie de la Torre)

US counsel OKs settlement of Baldwin's \$5M tax refund suit

Businessman John K. Baldwin has agreed to hold off on his \$5-million federal tax refund lawsuit against the U.S. government after both parties agreed to negotiate for settlement in the case.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted last week the parties' joint motion to stay the case.

The case will be stayed indefinitely and all deadlines are immediately suspended.

The judge ordered the parties to file a joint status report within 90 days unless they move to dismiss the case by that time.

Baldwin and the U.S. government, through their respective counsels Deborah Deitsch-Perez and Landon M. Yost, informed the court last week that, on Sept. 5, 2012, after several days of settlement discussions and proposals by both sides, Baldwin made a settlement offer to the U.S. government.

The parties said that if the offer

is accepted, all of the issues are deemed resolved.

The trial counsel for the U.S. government will recommend acceptance of the settlement offer.

Following the Tax Division's procedures for reviewing a settlement offer, the offer will then go to the chief of the Trial Section, then to the Office of Review of the Tax Division, the assistant attorney general of the Tax Division, and the Joint Committee on Taxation.

If the Joint Committee on Taxation indicates that it has no adverse criticism of the offer, then the process is complete and the offer would be officially accepted at that point.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit last week ruled that the federal court abused its discretion in ordering a government representative to appear in person for an initial settlement conference in Baldwin's lawsuit. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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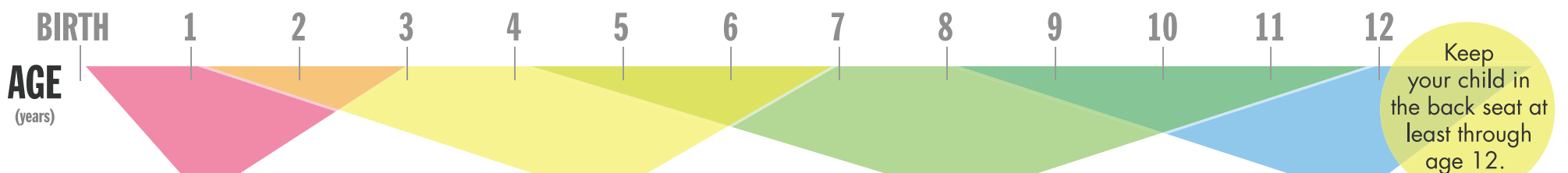
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- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



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AFTER APPOINTING TRUSTEE AD LITEM FOR FUND

Judge: Should I appoint a federal equity receiver?

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REPORTER

The parties in the class action filed by retiree Betty Johnson have been directed to comment on the issue whether or not the court should appoint a federal equity receiver at this point.

On Friday, U.S. District Court designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood directed Johnson to submit her brief by Sept. 27, 2012, and gave other parties until Oct. 11, 2012, to file oppositions.

Reply shall be submitted by Oct. 18, 2012, and a hearing on the matter will be held on Oct. 30, 2012.

A federal equity receiver is usually referred to as an "arm

of the court." Like the court, the receiver is a neutral fiduciary who holds a property subject to receivership. The ultimate disposition of the property is determined through the parties' litigation.

Tydingco-Gatewood issued the order after Johnson asked the court to appoint a federal equity receiver to manage the NMI Retirement Fund. Johnson also asked the court to certify her lawsuit as a class action.

Johnson wants the court to order the Fund and the CNMI government to collect Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo's judgment, pay or bring current all CNMI obligations to the Fund, and distribute retirement benefits.

Johnson named as defendants in her class action Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Fund trustees Adelina C. Roberto and Nacrina Barcinas, former Fund administrator Richard S. Villagomez, Finance Secretary Larissa Larson, the CNMI government, Finance, the Fund, and the Fund board of trustees.

Johnson is suing them for breach of contract, violation of the U.S. and CNMI constitutions, violation of due process, deprivation of rights, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment.

Attorneys Margery S. Bronster, Bruce L. Jorgensen, and Stephen C. Woodruff are counsels for Johnson.

On Friday, Tydingco-Gatewood appointed Guam tax law-

yer Joseph C. Razzano as trustee *ad litem* for the Fund.

Assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel, counsel for Fitial and the CNMI government, said the order appointing the trustee *ad litem* should not limit Fitial and the Senate's statutory obligation to appoint trustees.

Patel proposed to add to the court's order language stating that "Nothing in this order shall prevent the lawful appointment of trustees" and that "at such time the board of trustees has a quorum under Commonwealth Code...the trustee shall be relieved of his/her duties."

After hearing Patel's proposal, Tydingco-Gatewood asked: "Is the governor now interested to appoint trustees?"

Patel replied that the appointment of trustees is an ongoing interest.

The judge appointed the trustee *ad litem* for the Fund and its board so it could participate in the litigation of Johnson's class action.

It was also Johnson who

asked for the appointment of a trustee *ad litem* because the Fund board lacks a quorum and is therefore incapacitated.

Aqua Walk draws 70 walkers

About 70 took part in this year's edition of the annual Aqua Walk on Saturday that was organized by the Marianas Walking Association and IT&E.

Some walkers showed up as early as 6am or before the 6:30am registration, prompting them to start the event early, said MWA board member Hiroko Tajima.

Aqua Walk participants strolled from the Aquarius Beach Tower beachfront passing through the Sugar Dock then to the beach by the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club.

"The water was rough but the weather was very nice," Tajima

told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that most of the participants walked along the beach side instead of in the water.

Saturday's participants also received special Aqua Walk shirts.

Aqua Walk is one of the six walks organized annually by MWA. Tajima said the next walking event is the Turkey Walk, scheduled on Nov. 24, a Saturday.

Other walking events are the Valentine Walk in February, Sophia Walk in May, Foundation Walk in August, and the Christmas Walk in December. (Clarissa V. David)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS PTA meeting tomorrow

The first Marianas High School Parent Teacher Association meeting of the school year will be held tomorrow, Sept. 18, 2012, at 6:30pm at the MHS Gym. For more information, call 237-3206. (PR)

Military training on FDM, Area W-517

The U.S. military will be conducting exercises on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla and Area W-517 south of Guam on Sept. 15 to 21, 2012, from 8am to 11:59pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay away from this area during the time

and dates indicated. The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla training area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants and W-517, an area comprising 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest into international waters. (PR)

Financial Aid Family Night in Koblerville

The College Access Challenge Grant will be hosting a "Financial Aid Family Night" at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center on Sept. 18, 2012, at 5pm. The community will learn more about tuition assistance and how to fill out the forms. (PR)



PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 - 1) Call to Order
 - 2) Roll Call
 - 3) Adoption of Agenda
 - 4) Adoption of Minutes
 - a) August 22, 2012 Special Board Meeting
 - b) September 13, 2012 Special Board Meeting Joint with Northern Marianas College (NMC) Board of Regents
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. Reports
 - 1) Chair
 - 2) Board Committees
 - a) FPA
 - b) ISA
 - c) LIA
 - d) CIP
 - e) Student Services & Parental/Community Programs (SSPCP)
 - 3) Commissioner of Education
 - i. Financial Matters
 - a. Federal
 - b. Local
 - ii. Other Matters
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 - 1) FY 2013 Nutrition Assistance Grant
 - 2) FY 2011 Consolidated Grant Amendment
- VI. Executive Session²
 - 1) Legal Updates
 - 2) Personnel
 - 3) Other matters
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
 - 1) Administrative Matters
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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PSS warns lawmakers of 'chaos' in public schools

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REPORTER

Education officials warned members of the House budget conference committee that chaos will reign in public schools if lawmakers continue to deny the Public School System the help it needs to sustain even the basic services for its students.

This was what Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., and members of her

leadership team told committee members during their closed-door meeting on Capital Hill Wednesday last week.

PSS officials, Sablan said, were again invited by the lawmakers to "justify one more time" why public schools should be given its \$33-million request for next fiscal year.

"We're now talking about very large sizes, double sessions, cuts in instructional hours, energy conservation, and

lack of staff. So the \$33 million we're asking is merely for the basic services for our students, a bare-bones budget for PSS. And by not giving PSS the budget we need to ensure the normal delivery of these services, our kids are being penalized," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

She admits to being uncertain whether House lawmakers will approve PSS' request.

As of this week, Kagman and Tinian elementary schools are

holding double sessions due to the lack of teachers. Most kindergarten classes are also in double session for the same reason. Multi-aged classes are also being enforced in several campuses.

If PSS will be given a lower budget in 2013, Sablan said this will only mean "more sufferings and sacrifices" in public schools. She hinted at the possibility of having double sessions in all levels.

"I hope they heard us because

truly, PSS [like the hospital] is in lifeline too and we need help. The way I look at it [now], we're being put in a situation that really is not an indication of education being a priority. Please don't do this to our kids," she urged.

PSS is short of 87 teachers and the hiring of additional staff would depend on the next fiscal year's budget.

According to Sablan, the current situation in public schools "overburden" the operations of

buses because they need to do additional runs due to double sessions in many schools.

PSS, besides local appropriation, receives federal assistance. On average, the system receives \$30 million every fiscal year from its regular federal grants. Sablan pointed out yesterday that these federal aids are strictly for certain requirements and purposes that cannot be used to supplant the local funding needs of public schools.

Chamber sets election debates schedule

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce announced Friday ticket sales dates and other details for the upcoming SCC Saipan Senatorial Debate on Oct. 10, 2012, and the SCC U.S. Congressional Debate on Oct. 17, 2012.

Both debates will be held at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, with both debates commencing at 6:30pm.

Tickets available only to Saipan Chamber of Commerce members will be sold at the SCC offices beginning at 8am, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012. At 8am, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, tickets will be made available to the general public. Tickets are

\$10, and any remaining seats will be offered at \$15 the evenings of the debates themselves.

At a meeting of the candidates and their campaign designees held Sept. 10, 2012, at the SCC offices, candidates received 50 tickets each, as well as the SCC 2012 Senatorial and U.S. Congressional Candidate Debate Rules and Procedures. Every ticket sold for the event has Audience Rules printed on the back of the ticket, and all those entering the debate hall will receive a Candidate Debate brochure pamphlet listing all rules for the audience.

Rules and procedures for the

candidates during the debate include debate times, and that no one can enter the debate hall after 6:30pm until an intermission. Questions will be drawn randomly, seating for the candidates is assigned based upon their

ballot designation, no profanity is allowed, no campaigning is allowed, candidates are asked to speak in English, no notes can be used until closing statements, no alcohol is allowed, there will be no photographs or interviews un-

til after the debates, and there are time requirements for responding to posed questions.

Each candidate received 50 debate tickets for their supporters, and will be allowed to purchase additional tickets af-

ter Chamber members and the general public are given the opportunity to purchase their tickets. The entire debates will be filmed, and will be televised after the debates conclude. There will be no live television. **(SCC)**

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The Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed in the detailed notice available on the Settlement website.

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Wells Fargo will pay \$37 million as follows: \$20 million has already been paid into an escrow account and the remaining \$17 million will be paid later. This Settlement is only a partial settlement of the lawsuit because it only affects the claims against Wells Fargo. The lawsuit is continuing against other Defendants. Morgan Stanley has already settled. Wells Fargo will cooperate with the Class Representatives in the litigation that will continue against the other Defendants.

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- **Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not have to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you give up the right to sue Wells Fargo for the claims in this lawsuit and you are eligible to receive a payment. Claim forms are not available now. Register on the Settlement website to receive a claim form when it becomes available. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you still have the right to exclude yourself from any other Settlements reached in this lawsuit.

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- **Object or Comment on the Settlement.** If you remain in the Settlement Class and want to object to or comment on the Wells Fargo Settlement or any part of it, you must file an objection with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and Wells Fargo **no later than October 9, 2012.**

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The Court has scheduled a hearing on December 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007, to consider whether to finally approve the Wells Fargo Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether to approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation expenses, and to consider any objections.

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey L.L.P. to serve as Class Counsel and represent all Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. You or your lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing but are not required to. If you want to be heard by the Court, you must file a written notice of your intention to appear with the Court and deliver a copy to the Class Counsel and Wells Fargo **no later than October 9, 2012.** The Court may change the time and date of the hearing. Any change will be posted on the Settlement website.

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MCS, Rotary collaborate on community programs

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REPORTER

Mount Carmel School and the Saipan Rotary Club are collaborating on activities that will not only benefit the community but also develop leadership skills and a better understanding of the value of individual responsibility and hard work among students.

Rotary Club of Saipan's Jeff Boyer and Reina Camacho gave a presentation early this week to MCS high school students about Interact, a service club for young people ages 14-18. It gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.

Interact is an international organization that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship and promote international understanding and peace. The name was created combining the words "international" and "action." Interact clubs, which are sponsored by Rotary clubs as a program of Rotary International, are self-governing and self-supporting.

During the presentation, Boyer and Camacho showed students video clips that explained more about the program and shared the story of the Saipan Rotary Club's successful assistance of an orphanage in Russia. The two expressed hope that the school's "Interact" program could also have a global reach.

It was in July this year when newly appointed MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero asked the help of the local Rotary Club for the school's new Service Learning Program, where 7th to 12th graders are given the opportunity to serve their community. The community service is required of students under their Theology program.

"It was great to hear back from the Rotary Club and move forward with something that will help our students serve their community, learn more about various social issues, and grow under the mentorship of community leaders," said Deleon Guerrero.

Bryan Cho, a senior student and president of the school's chapter of the American Red Cross Club, said this was his first time to hear about the club and is excited to take part in the group.

"I had never heard of it before and I can't wait to work with the program. It will give us students yet another way to interact with each other and the community," said Cho.

Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects each year, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 17, 2001

Power plant project delay irks House panel

Fed up over the delay in the resolution of the Saipan power plant project, a House committee has summoned officials of both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Enron Guam Piti Corp. to a meeting aimed at identifying and discussing the issues that are bogging down the resumption of negotiations between the two agencies. Chairman Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication said that he has called officials of both CUC and Enron to a committee meeting on September 25 at the House chamber where they intend to thresh out the reasons for the delay in the resumption of the power plant project.

Camacho seeks resolution to CDA-CUC case

The chair of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication expressed disappointment over what it called as the "inaction" of the present administration in the dispute between the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Development Authority. At the same time, Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho said that, instead of forgiving the CUC's debt to the CDA, he would rather have the Legislature correct matters at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in terms of how it is being run. "You know, I am very disappointed with this administration for not taking action. You shouldn't go to court. This administration shouldn't do that."

Sept. 17, 2002

\$500K for free and nobody's biting

Who wants \$7,500 for free? Apparently, no one in the Commonwealth wants that money because, since 1997, only one person has applied for a 504 grant—one of the instruments available under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's loan and grant portfolio. The 504 grant—administered under the USDA's Rural Development Program—is virtually giving money away at \$7,500 per person and the only catch is that you must be 62 years old or older to avail of it and the money has to be used for home renovation. However, an analysis of fund usage for the Western Pacific area covering the period from 1997 to 2002 shows that only one individual on Saipan has applied for the grant, and that was still in 1999.

CPA closer to full compliance with FAA regs

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is inching its way closer to full compliance with the security regulations required by the Federal Aviation Administration, as it continues equipment improvement and upgrade work at the Saipan International Airport. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said additional surveillance cameras have been installed around the premises of the island's air transport facility, especially within the terminal building to safely monitor incoming and outgoing passengers. Salas also appealed to the traveling public to bear with the CPA, the immigration department and the customs division, noting that screening of passengers will be stricter than ever.

Sept. 17, 2003

MOA for transport of specimens signed

Public health officials from throughout the Pacific recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Continental Micronesia and Diagnostic Laboratory Services for the continued transport of diagnostic and infectious specimens. The agreement aids medical practitioners in the Pacific region in diagnosing and confirming diseases, leading to continuous improvements in the level of healthcare in the region. The agreement, signed at the 36th bi-annual meeting of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association in Palau, is considered the largest accomplishment of the meeting.

Retrofitting of CHC lighting in 1st phase

Department of Public Works Energy Division Director Thelma B. Inos informed administration officials yesterday on the status of ongoing projects the agency is spearheading in efforts to conserve and find alternative sources of energy. Through leftover funds from the federal Institutional Conservation Program, Inos said the division has begun the first phase in the process to retrofit the lighting system of the Commonwealth Health Center, which she described as the largest utility consumer in the CNMI. "This stage is technical analysis support, where we will have recommendations on what is needed to be changed and where it's at. In addition to that, we are going to do the cooling system. That would be in the third phase," the director explained to attendees of the CNMI Energy Awareness Proclamation yesterday.



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(1) Bartender

Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are required. Must be people oriented and have good customer service skills.

(2) A/C Refrigeration Mechanic

Qualifications: Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have High School diploma or GED certificate or any combination of education, training and experience which demonstrates ability to perform the job.

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Qualifications: Must have minimum of 3 years work experience as Guest Relations Agent, preferably in a hotel. Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills are essential. The ability to speak and write in a foreign language (Korean, Japanese, Chinese or Russian) will be a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Requires frequent walking and lifting.

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Food service, wait staff job seekers complete training

The Society for Human Resource Management's Workforce Readiness Initiative continues to prepare local job seekers for the CNMI job market. On Sept. 4, the program's fifth group of trainees completed a week of job preparation and food service/wait staff skills that will help them find jobs in the CNMI's hotel and restaurant industry. This group of job seekers, referred by the CNMI Department of Labor and the Workforce Investment Agency, received 40 hours of training from Aug. 27 to Sept. 4. The course also included the food handler class from the Division of Environmental Health to obtain their food handlers certification.

"With hospitality as the main industry here in the CNMI, there is a definite market for waiters, waitresses, food service workers, and those who aspire to be cooks and chefs. This was a good program to help start our students into those job focuses. It prepared them for the job search and provided them with employable work skills training," said Frank Gibson, Initiative program manager for SHRM. "This was a good group of applicants. They were interested and enthusiastic, showed up on time, and participated well. They received good solid training from knowledgeable and experienced instructors from the business community. They will all do well in hospitality and food service jobs."

The second Initiative program participants were Joseph Aguon, Norma B. Carayuan, Raymond Castro, Cris John Deleon Guerrero, Daisy Anne Lizama, Evalani Lei Olopai, Antonio Reyes, Vincent Reyes, Melshia Suel, and William Wabul.

The wait staff program included job preparation classes on job applications and résumés, job interviews, equal employment opportunity and sexual harassment, job search responsibilities, and employer expectations. Skills training classes were provided on cus-

tomers service, two classes of basic restaurant services that included both food and beverage services, general culinary, and the food handler's certification class.

Gibson said the students especially benefitted from the skills and the interest of the instructors. "I would like to thank the SHRM members, Ms. Polly DLG Masga from PIC, Mr. Jim Arenovsky from Delta Management, Ms. Malou Ernest from Tan Holdings and Ms. Josephine Mesta, Ms. Denise Montenegro and Ms. Shawn Sweeney from the Hyatt Regency Saipan, who worked with the participants to prepare them for employment. Special thanks are owed to Mr. Melil Ngirausui from the Bureau of Environmental Health for the food handler certification training. I appreciate the business community's, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s and SHRM's continued assistance."

The Workforce Readiness Initiative is funded by a grant awarded to the CNMI SHRM by the U.S. Department of the Interior through the CNMI Department of Commerce in support of the CNMI Economic and Labor Enhancement Program. This Initiative to benefit the community started on April 16 with a one-week warehouseman training program, just recently completed a sixth program for front desk clerk/receptionist/administrative clerk, and will next repeat the food service and wait staff program, running Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28.

The Workforce Readiness Initiative is for the benefit of unemployed U.S. qualified workers. Qualified individuals who are registered with WIA or the DOL Employment Services should contact those offices and let them know of their interest. Those who are not registered and are interested in joining one of the Initiative programs should immediately register with WIA and express their interest. All interested candidates should sign up with WIA to

allow them to help employers with funding of Initiative graduates. Interested individuals can also contact Gibson by e-mail at hrsupportcnmi@gmail.com.

Although the Initiative does not guarantee a job for every

participant, it will make every effort to get each graduate employed. Several companies have already committed to accepting Initiative graduates and the Initiative will continue to source jobs through its SHRM member

companies and other employers. Companies interested in considering Initiative graduates can contact Gibson at hrsupportcnmi@gmail.com.

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Members of the fifth group of the SHRM Workforce Readiness Initiative have their picture taken with Frank Gibson, Initiative program manager for the Society for Human Resource Management.

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Happy 1st birthday to our son, Eujavine! Jethanio Pinaula Repeki. May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. We love you! Greetings coming out from Mommy, Daddy, your brother Jacob, and the whole family.

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EDITORIAL

We're not in control

The Middle East is a big, fractious and unpredictable place. The United States was reminded of that fact last year, when a democracy movement came out of nowhere to shake the foundations of governments across the region. Some nasty new evidence emerged this week when violence erupted at three U.S. diplomatic offices and left four Americans dead in Libya.

The violence, which coincided with the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, drew fuel from an anti-Islamic video made in the United States and was fanned by Muslim extremist groups seeking to undermine more secular leaders. Mobs attacked U.S. embassies in Egypt and Yemen, and a well-armed faction carried out a military assault on a consulate in Libya.

All this might not have happened under the iron rule of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak or Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, both of whom were toppled last year. The attacks are no reason to mourn the passing of either dictator, but they make it clear that events in the Middle East are largely beyond our control. In the long run, the transition to democracy should be a net gain for American interests as well as human rights. But it could take some grim detours.

Each of the three countries presents a different problem. The killing of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and others in Benghazi—a terrible loss for the U.S.—was the work of a group opposed to the new, elected government, which is pro-American and secular in character, and which immediately vowed to work with the U.S. to find the killers.

The mob action in Cairo, by contrast, apparently benefited from police indifference, and President Mohammed Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, was conspicuously late in denouncing it. In Yemen, on the other hand, the government has worked closely with the administration in targeting al-Qaida elements, and 24 Yemeni security personnel were injured battling violent demonstrators.

The priorities now are to upgrade security wherever American personnel are stationed, to bring the Libyan killers to justice and to let the Cairo government know it can't abuse American interests with impunity. If they haven't done so already, President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton need to inform Morsi that unless he disavows such criminality and acts to prevent its recurrence, he can't expect the \$1 billion in debt relief the administration had been assembling or the \$1.3 billion Egypt gets each year in military aid. The choice is his.

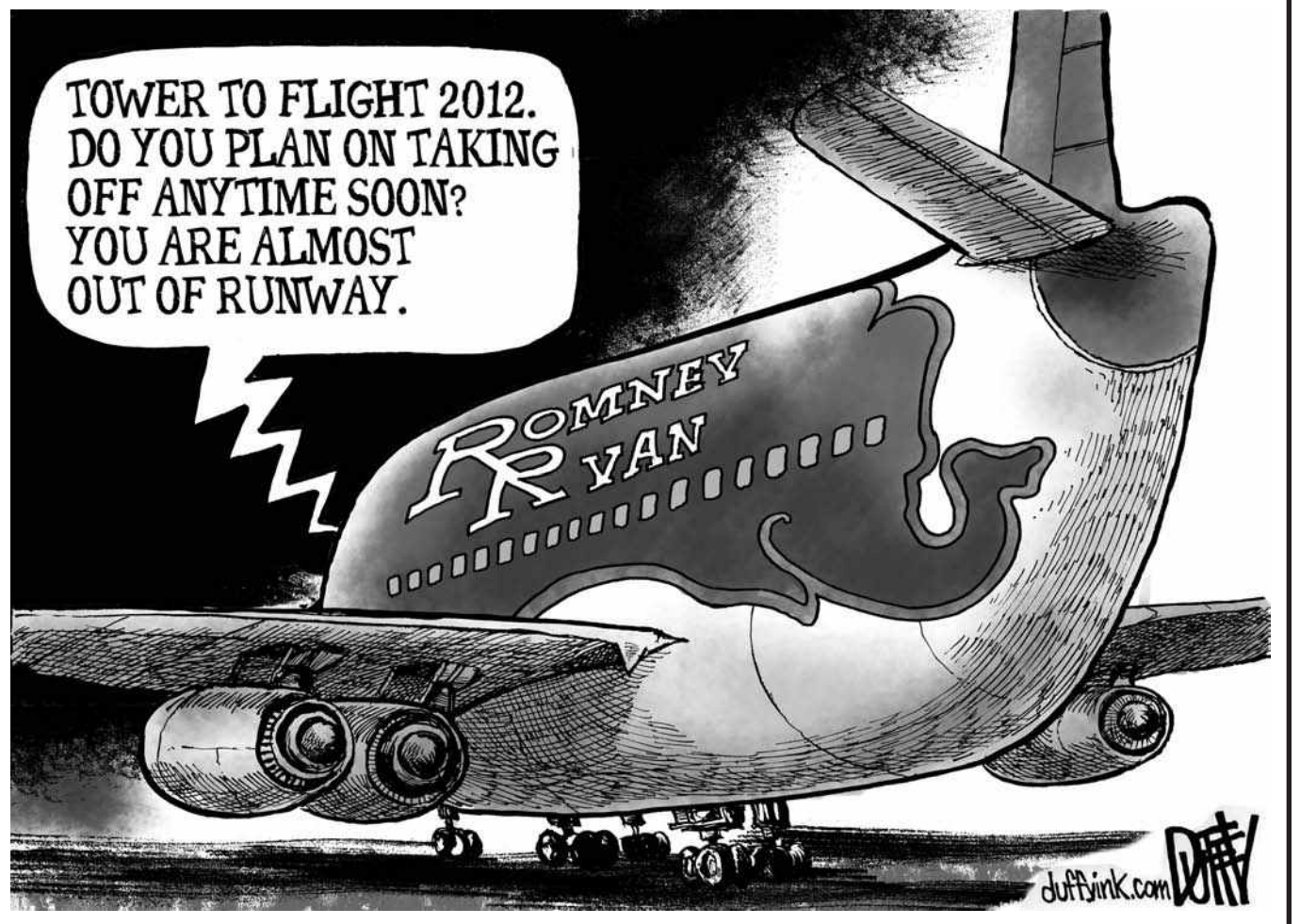
Considering that the attacks began on the 9/11 anniversary, the administration owes the public an investigation to determine if the State Department failed to take necessary security precautions. But the president's handling of the aftermath has shown commendable restraint and resolve.

The same can't be said of Republican Mitt Romney, who instantly piped up to accuse the administration, inaccurately, of apologizing to the attackers in Egypt. It was an irresponsible attempt to gain political advantage from a crisis, and it raised serious doubts about whether he is ready for those 3 a.m. phone calls that come to a president.

The charge that the upheavals stem from a broader pattern of American weakness is equally unconvincing. In Libya and Yemen, the administration has previously employed military force against its enemies. The U.S. military remains the dominant power in the region, and the administration has not been allergic to using it for sound and achievable purposes.

Nor is this bloody unrest an indictment of U.S. support for

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Where I live there are rainbows

I was driving my children to school one Friday morning when I saw a lovely rainbow cross the sky ahead of me, filling me with joy and happiness. It reminded me that there is much beauty and happiness about us, but unfortunately we forget to see it because of the downpour of bad news. So today let's shut out the nastiness about us for a few moments and sing the song printed below.

If you don't know the melody, go to YouTube and listen to the words and the lovely Hawaiian dance performed with it. Your heart will overflow with the beauty of it and flood your mind and heart with memories of the loveliness about us. The song is from an old Hawaiian lullaby called *Where I Live There are Rainbows*. It was written by Peter Moon and Hector Venegas.

*"Where I live there are rainbows and life
Filled with the laughter of morning and starry nights.
Where I live there are rainbows and flowers
Full of colors and birds filled with song.
I can smile when it is raining
And touch the warmth of the sun.
I hear children laughing in this place I love.
Where I live there are rainbows
With life in the laughter of morning and starry nights."*

And I add we are blessed with beautiful rolling hills and a near perfect ocean full of blue clear water. Several months ago I was host to a visiting professor from China. He wanted to explore our lagoon. As we slowly floated over the smooth waves, he kept looking deep into the water. Finally after a few minutes he turned to me and said, "I have been to many countries in my research, but honestly, this lagoon is one of the cleanest and most fertile lagoons I have seen anywhere. It is perfect for fish and seaweed. Please take good care of it."

Then his gaze turned to the rolling hills and clouds lazily drifting over us. He smiled and said, "What beauty and clear skies. You are fortunate to live here. We rarely see the skies in China and rolling hills as you have here." I sat quietly and listened.

As I drive my children daily to school I feel for their safety. Daily I read about the vicious crimes committed in the mainland and the abuse of children. And again I am glad I live here with them.

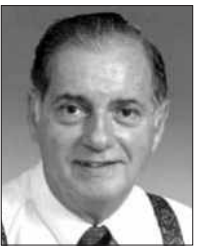
I often hear complaints from you who have a job with the government about austerity and the retirement problem. But think of the number of people who are lingering in front of employment agencies hungry for any job. At least we can enjoy a slice of bread. If we wish more, we can earn it by improving our abilities.

Blessed are we who can line up for food stamps. How many times have I heard from other nationalities lament that in their country if they do not work and earn money, they will not eat!

Blessed are we to have such a generous benefactor and protector as the United States. Over the past years we have received over \$3.8 billion without ever having to repay one cent. Annually we receive hundreds of millions of dollars to supplement our private schools

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and other agencies' budgets.

Every time tax season descends upon us, do we understand how fortunate we are living on these blessed islands? When I lived in Hawaii, how well I recall their tax structure. I had to pay federal tax, Hawaii state tax, real estate tax on my property, school tax whether I had a child attending school or not, and a sales tax on every purchase. None of this was ever rebated except for overpayment. Meanwhile we in the CNMI have most of our tax money returned to us as a rebate. What a wonderful program!

When was the last time you stopped and watched the sun slowly recede over the horizon? Can we see the same in Los Angeles, New York and in many other big cities? How many of us own winter clothing? Isn't one of the delights of living on our beautiful islands is the luxury of not having to worry about weather changes? We never need heaters with their expense to warm up our homes. I grew up in Pennsylvania so I fully understand weather changes and the added expenses of living in such climate changes.

Where else do people greet each other with a friendly smile and openness? I have lived in the mainland in apartment houses where I never knew or saw my neighbor. Where else can we enjoy the multiplicity of various ethnic groups and share in their culture? Almost daily I meet people visiting us who express a desire to move here.

I feel sad that so many of our local people are fleeing the islands in search of making a living. Somehow we should find ways to entice them to stay here. Perhaps we will if we strive hard enough.

You have heard me comment about the acres of diamonds under our feet. I still firmly believe they are here, but unfortunately we have not learned how to mine them. But let's keep searching and mining them.

Some of my most pleasant trips have been to Tinian and Rota. These two islands blossom with so much natural beauty that even surpasses our Saipan. It is unfortunate that so few tourists actually visit these two gems. Any ideas on how to change this situation?

I could go on and on singing the beauty and peacefulness of living in the CNMI. Please let's take a few moments of respite from all the nastiness and name-calling and increasing mistrust of one another and consider how lucky we are. But let me pause for a moment and allow you to fill in your reasons why our islands are blessed and why you enjoy living here. Think of the loveliness and beauty

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Priniponen Manasuhan Gobietnu

Un’ espesiat na komiten sanpapa’ na guma’ ha i’ina kau gaige gi eskaleran inaminasan konstitusion i ma-akukusa i gobietnu na diskuidu siha ni mapasalista gi papa’ un’ resulasion.

I asuntu presisu na u guaha sanu na hinisga gi hafa (gaige gi resulasion. Ti debi u entalu’ asuntun pattida gi este na asuntu. Presisu na u guaha kabales na integredat gi kada membro ni mañasaunau gi abiriguasion.

Maseha te’ug yan inkabukau i asuntu debi u guaha satton na integredat gi mapetsigen hinisgan este na attikuluAtan haf” gaige yan kau enfín guaha kabales na aminasu kontra i konstitusion iya Marianas gi haf” obligasioña i gobietnu.

Klaru na tinetpe i administrasion disision federat ‘nai ha chule’ disposision immigrasion yan sueddu ni muna’ kohu i kahan iya Marianas sin ditension. Umatotpe este yan ti man-antau siha na areglu mas fumuñut kinalamten iya Marianas. Acha isau todú atmos bandan tasin Pasifiku.

Mas inatasa este na asuntun linahyan ‘nai mafañagu inafatane’ gi entalu’ dos ramas gobietnu. I publiku pumadese este na finatsu sa’ ni unu malagu’ humattalom man-aregla. Puede gi nuebu na finatton chatagmag u guaha mas pinasensia gi hilu’ protun na disposision todú asuntun linahyan.

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Esperansa para todus

Para todú i problemata pagu piot i pot taya’ fondu gi kahan iya Marianas, ileghu na mas dañkulu na benefisiu yangin gi hilu’ pinasensia man-daña i man-ma’gasta ya u fan atuñgu haf” siha presisu na u fan machogue ensegidadas.

Dimas de ta atisa i sensian betgansa seguruña yangin antau na eskalera ‘nai ta atetuye umaregla nesessidat iya Marianas.

Mauleg na dañu bidaña i federat ni sinigunduye ni man-chatkon-sidera siha na areglu guine. Todú atmos bandan pasifiku gai malabida gi haf” pagu ta padedese. Ginen hiyuñg yan sanhalom i problema ni pumopoñga pagu tano’ta.

Ensegidas, debi ta punu’ todú areglu ni dumulalag kometsianten ginen hiyuñg ginen tano’ta. Mauleg ta pula’ todú asuntun tax yan apas ni fuetsau ta sotta guatu gi bisnis. Areglu siha ni umatisa mas mahuchum bisnis guine debi u fan mapunu’. Debi tanae’ i bisnis siha kampu para u fañgalamten ya u tutuhon man-mama’ ganansia. Ginen homlu’ na estau ‘nai siña ha baba papan niha prumebeniye mas cho’chu’ para i tautauta.

I otu, ensegidadas debi u guaha ininan taimanu ‘nai siña umaribaha amanu i siña i apas kandet yan hanom. Esta na gastu mas muna’ guaguan bumisnis guine giya Marianas. Mauleg u guaha ansianu na pinetsige gi maribahan este na gastu para todus.

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Inipus na Dañu

Hu komprende linagnos dañosu siha na areglu kontra i komunidan bisnis guine. I chumoneg ayu siha na areglu kase ni unu chumule’ estudiun ekonomia gi kolehu. Sali ha’ de ekonomian kamias yan biskuchun pañglau.

Haf” na para un’ hatsa mas apas yan tax ‘nai ni siha sumen makat man-mamatinas ganansia? ‘Nai taya’ ganansia, naturat na siempre u poduñg seriosamente i rinikohen kontribusion tax. Estague masusede ya ayu siha n alai i man-maseñala para u hatsa rinikohen tax mas menus humalom. Pues sumen dañkulu na atlibes masusede.

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we find about ourselves. Aren’t we blessed and lucky to live in the CNMI? I know I am.

Meanwhile join with me to sing:

“Where I live there are rainbows

And life with the laughter of morning and starry nights.

Where I live there are rainbows

And flowers full of colors and birds filled with song.

I can smile when it’s raining

And touch the warmth of the sun.

I hear children laughing in this place that I love.

Where I live there are rainbows

With life in the laughter of morning and starry nights.”

Let’s appreciate and treasure our precious islands before we lose them to our greed and foolishness for something else. We must develop our islands with plans on how to improve and to enjoy living here. The soil is fertile and waits for us to cultivate it. The oceans are bountiful with sea creatures. Let us be careful how we use them. Let us work to keep our islands clean and lovely and productive.

Our lovely islands reflect who we are and what we think. Let us never forget the gifts given us. May God grant us the sanity to preserve what we so dearly cherish. So enjoy and appreciate that “where I live there are rainbows.” May they ever fill the sky and our hearts. May the CNMI always maintain the beauty and sparkle that makes living here a delight.

In closing, don’t forget that a *smile* is the link between us. The brighter and wider our *smile* is the warmer we make others and ourselves feel.

Ti hu tuñgu kau makomprende ni man-sabiun hegsu’ I Deni’ na totnu yan sustansian areglu dumetetmimina haf” dispues para umasusede. Yangin un’ kastiga i bisnis siha, siempre ensegidadas ha tutuhon man-hanau. Ya repara sa lamegai man-hanau ginen tano’ta. Mas lokue’ menos i rinikohen kontribusion tax.

Uttimoña man-fila hit deste As Gonno esta Matansa man-abendi pineduñg dadik yan mahlug lapes. Lau este siha na chatfinatinas ginen i man-sabiun I Deni’. De dios mihu!

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Adelantu giya Filipinas

Humanau bumakasion un’ amiguahu gi tano niha Filipinas. ‘Nai para u diñgu Manila ha siente i megai na kinahulu’ bisnis siha gi katkuet lugat. Mas ma-umenta i numeron kometsiante ginen hiyuñg.

‘Nai kahulu’ gi batkon aire, ha faisen maisague’ haf” na para u birague’ tatte Saipan ‘nai todú kinlamten sige ha maribaha gi ti komprendiyun na eskalera. Mampos dañkulu na adelantu guaha gi industrian turista giya Filipinas yan otu mas man-dañkulu siha na industria.

Lamegai man-areglau siha na lugat para bumiahen bakasion. Pot ihemplo gaige iya Palawan. Un’ isla hiyuñg Manila ni sumen gasgas

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Impeachment and its possible impacts

The CNMI House of Representatives recently introduced Articles of Impeachment against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. It is the talk of the town because many say the governor is more interested in his common good than that of the people of the CNMI.

What is impeachment and how does this process work? What may be the expected end result? All great questions!

What does it mean when you impeach someone in public office? To impeach a public official simply means you are making an accusation of misconduct or of unlawful action against that official while he or she is in office.

The Articles of Impeachment is a list of specific actions of Governor Fitial that are allegedly violations of law. The eight representatives who sponsored its introduction in the House are asking their colleagues to consider these allegations against the governor, and vote on each article of impeachment—up or down. Only those articles that receive a positive simple majority vote are then sent to the Senate. That is really all the House of Representatives needs to do—nothing more.

Once the vote is over and one or several articles receive the simple majority vote of those House members present that constitute a quorum, Governor Fitial is deemed to be impeached, which basically means he is officially accused of committing those unlawful actions. This is similar to how a grand jury hands down an indictment on an individual accused of committing a crime. When that indictment is confirmed by the grand jury, the case goes to court for trial to determine if the individual is guilty or not guilty of the crime or violation of law. The House of Representatives is like the grand jury in this case.

The House of Representatives does not need to investigate the allegations, hold any public hearings on the allegations contained in the Articles of Impeachment, or even discuss it to any extent in committee. They should, however, discuss in detail the matter on the floor of the House and put that discussion on the record. When that discussion is closed, then they should only require a simple majority vote for passage of each article of impeachment. A simple majority in the House is 11 votes. Eight representatives have signed off on the articles of impeachment, so only three more votes are needed to send one, several, or all the articles of impeachment to the Senate.

In fact, the House of Representatives should consider a unanimous vote to send the articles of impeachment to the Senate. Why, you may ask? Because it is in the Senate where those articles of impeachment will be discussed in detail to determine if the governor is guilty of breaking the laws. It is in the Senate where the action is. The people want to see if Fitial is guilty of these allegations or not. It behooves the House to immediately move those articles of impeachment to the Senate so a speedy trial can begin on whether the governor is guilty or not of breaking the law.

The people need to know, and that is a very good enough reason to send the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. Give the governor a chance to clear the clouds over his head. Any further delay in the House creates too much anxiety with the public. The House should move quickly and vote unanimously to move the articles to the Senate so the people can see clearly whether their governor is guilty or not and give the governor that chance to vindicate himself also, and may the truth be known.

The nine senators will sit as a jury to listen to testimonies and review evidence from those who will defend the governor, and from those who are asking the senators to vote to remove the governor

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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tasiña yan apaka na unai rumedundeha i kantun tasi. Todú klasen aktibidat guaha deste ma’udai bote, lumi’uf gi gasgas tasi, yan bula sagan bumoka gi katkuet na patte deste kantun tasi halom esta i primet siuda.

Riku estorian este siha na lugat sa’ un’ tiempu’ lugat Español. Ma-aregla este siha na lugat kumu patte gi estorian i lugat. Lau dib-eras manpaire na lugat sa’ sumen apaka’ inaiña yan gasgas tasin niha. Pues mauleg ta reparan maisa hit sa’ ti Marianas ha’ ‘nai gaige apaka’ unai.

from office. Because of the serious nature of such a vote to remove a sitting governor, a two-thirds majority vote will be needed in the Senate. That number is seven votes. So, it is in the Senate where the governor will go on trial. Based on the tension between the governor and the senators that we all have witnessed and read in news reports over the course of these past years, it does not look good for the governor to remain in office, if the Articles of Impeachment reach the Senate.

If the seven votes are reached, the governor is out of a job immediately, and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos becomes acting governor, unless a special election is held to elect a new governor for the balance of the Fitial’s term.

This is how the process should work. The House and Senate should not make this process any more complicated, as the people want to see this matter put behind them, so more important priorities can be addressed.

One other concern that seems to rear its ugly head is would there be political retaliation in the administration where friends, relatives of representatives, and senators who voted for the governor to be impeached? Why would Governor Fitial want to self-indict himself for firing employees of his administration when he needs their support?

Do we really want to know if Governor Fitial in fact violated points contained in the Articles of Impeachment? Or is this something that the House prefers to sweep under the rug and forget about? What does the “law of public opinion” say?

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Chalan Pago, Saipan

Political tricks

The governor’s detractors emphasize that they are wise to political tricks, and no one can get one over on them. They’re smarter than Uncle Ben and his sidekick Angel, they say. But then they willingly become pawns in the political game being played by those who wish to seize power from the governor. In their eagerness to not be tricked by the Fitial camp, they are mercilessly fooled and exploited by the other side. Trying to impeach the governor is nothing but a feel-good exercise tricking our desperate populace into supporting some politicians’ ambitions to power. No good can come of impeachment, other than good for a few power-hungry politicians, whose names we all know.

The peanut gallery in the media and the Legislature finds evil plots and conspiracies behind all of Governor Fitial’s actions but never do they see the political games and power plays behind the plots to unseat the governor. Do they really believe that the impeachment move is free of politics? And that it’s being done for the good of the people, and not for the good of a few politicians in whose way Governor Fitial currently stands?

We haven’t been shown any proof of how it will benefit the Commonwealth, especially our economy and our treasury, to impeach Governor Fitial. All our economic problems are caused by global economic forces, an exodus of business and tourists, and a difficult immigration situation. Can replacing the governor change any of that? Do the governor’s replacements have a money-printing machine we don’t know about?

Paychecks are late and CHC is in trouble because there’s no money in the treasury. Not because Ben Fitial is governor. Unless the proposed replacements have a tangible plan to make money appear in the treasury, they have absolutely no solution to offer to the current crises. Impeachment will cost significant sums of money in legal proceedings and administration, while distracting our leadership, including the governor, from useful work for our common good.






If we follow the impeachers’ way, the CNMI treasury will spend

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼78°	▲87 ° ▼78°	▲86° ▼78°	▲86° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲83 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲86 ▼81

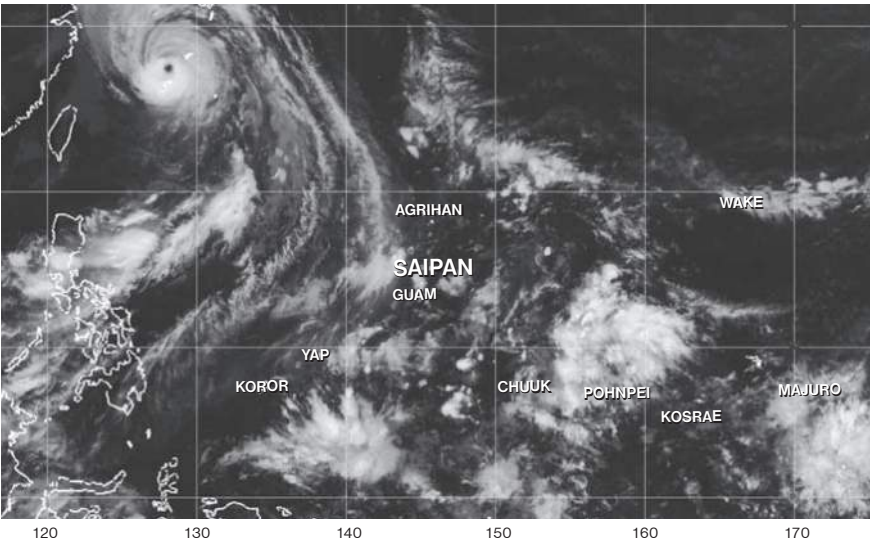
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼58
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲64 ▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84 ▼66
Manila	Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲66 ▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼65
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼77
Paris	Showers	▲66 ▼48
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲81 ▼64
Salem	Sunny	▲88 ▼53
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68 ▼55
Seoul	Showers	▲75 ▼65
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲77 ▼70

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:12 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging south winds southeast of Typhoon Sanba are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Okinawa west of a line from 22N134E to 16N134E. A surface trough extends northeast across the Marianas from 12N142E to 18N146E. Widely-scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen over the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 16N141E to 12N149E. A trough runs southeastward from north of Koror at 11N133E through a weak circulation centered southeast of Yap at 4N143E to end at EQ151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present south of Yap and Koror to west of Chuuk south of a line from 3N133E to 11N140E to 10N149E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating showers and isolated thunderstorms near and north of Pohnpei within 300 miles of a line from 7N155E to 12N158E. Another trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Tarawa and Butaritari south of a line from 7N168E to 7N180. An upper-level trough curves southeastward from an upper-level low centered north of Iwo To island at 30N142E to another low centered north of Minami Tori Shima at 26N153E to northeast of Wake Island at 21N170E then turns northeastward to beyond 25N at 178E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found northeast of Pagan within 100 miles of a line from 24N147E to 22N149E to 21N155E and near Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 20N167E to 21N178E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:14 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:50 AM	6:59 PM
Tuesday	7:49 AM	7:48 PM
Wednesday	8:49 AM	8:39 PM
Thursday	9:51 AM	9:34 PM
Friday	10:52 AM	10:31 PM

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SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP) UA5062 2:40am 3:15am 1, 3, 5	ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN) UA5062 3:40am 4:15am 1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) UA5070 4:35am 5:25am 2, 4, 6, 7 UA5062 4:50am 5:40am 1, 3, 5 UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily UA5074 11:30am 12:20pm 1, 4, 5, 7 UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily UA5078 6:50pm 7:40pm Daily UA5072 9:55pm 10:45pm Daily	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN UA5062 2:40am 4:20am 1, 3, 5 via ROP UA 5069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 4, 6, 7 UA5071 7:10am 8:00am Daily UA5073 10:05am 10:55am Daily UA5075 1:45pm 2:35pm 1, 4, 5, 7 UA5077 5:25pm 6:15pm Daily UA5079 8:35pm 9:25pm Daily
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ606 2:20am 6:00am 1 OZ606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ604 3:30pm 6:55pm Daily	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ603 8:50am 2:20pm Daily OZ605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ605 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS) UZ608 3:20am 6:35am 4, 7	PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN) OZ607 9:25pm 2:20am+1 3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) 3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN 3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) 3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
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FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A couple of questions

This is in response to Kimberly King-Hind's letter to the editor ("Still outrageous," *Saipan Tribune*, Sept. 13, 2012). We laud you for having the tenacity to voice your opinion toward the Tinian Delegation's inaction. But before we start pointing fingers and airing other's fault, we should look at the past within our local government in the Second Senatorial District.

If we can recall, your mother served on the first CNMI House of Representative from the Tinian Aguigan Municipality

and what accomplishment did she do for the people of Tinian? Did she collect her salary and operational stipends at the CNMI Legislature while she was not doing anything for our residents? Did anyone of us complain about your mom's do-nothing approach while in public office? No, we did not say a word about her inactions, because we had the decency to respect her.

You mentioned that the Tinian Gaming Commissioners are collecting outrageous salaries

and the Tinian Delegation is at fault for allocating the large sums that benefit the commissioners. You did not mention that your mom benefited from the do-nothing, highly compensated Tinian Gaming Commission in the past. Did we complain about your mom's salary as a gaming commissioner? Did we point fingers at the Tinian Delegation for your mom's highly compensated benefits during her tenure as a gaming commissioner? We had the decency to respect your mom's past inactions and we moved on with our lives. We have no political affiliation, but it is our duty to respond to your allegation toward our present Tinian

Delegation's inactions. If we are not mistaken, you benefited from the present administration

on Tinian and we wonder at times why you are so critical of the present Tinian Delegation.

Cameron Taitano
Odessa, TX

POLITICAL

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a pile of money on impeachment proceedings and legal wrangling (money that could have been spent on education or medical referrals), and at the end of the day, even if impeachment is successful, we the people will be no better off than where we started. Sure, a few politicians may

be better off, if they manage to shove the governor out of their way. Maybe they'll have a few more notches of success in their desks, and some bigger titles and discretionary budgets. But how will this help us, the long suffering people of the CNMI? Not at all.

Impeachers, you're the ones being played. Yes, in bad times, "anywhere but here" often seems like the best place to be.

Desperate people will go for anything that's different from their current situation. But don't let yourselves be fooled. Impeaching Governor Fitial is about as smart as taking a big gulp of salt water when you're thirsty. It sure sounds good, but it's not going to help anyone in the long run.

Diego C. Blanco
As Lito, Saipan

CONTROL

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the Arab Spring. University of Michigan scholar Juan Cole says the episodes occurred because the democracy movement has "left the haters behind, re-

ducing them to desperate and senseless acts of violence."

The coming months and years will be perilous ones for a part of the world that is just beginning to follow the democratic shift that has occurred elsewhere. A bigger role for ordinary citizens will mean less

certainty for everyone, including the United States.

The smart policy for Americans is to accept that we can't control everything, reaffirm our determination to uphold our interests, and keep a cool head. We'll need it.

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A show of ignorance

Impeachment functions as an indictment. In a legislative setting, the impeachment process generally involves three bodies, and two steps. The bodies: the House, the Senate, and the Judiciary. The House draws up the indictment. The Senate, much like a jury, hears the evidence and votes on the charges. The Judiciary presides over the trial. The two steps: drawing up the indictment and conducting the trial.

In the CNMI, the Legislature is in the first stage—drawing up the indictment. **And as in normal judicial procedures, the person being charged has no role.** Vice Speaker Felicidad T. Ogu-

moro's counterproductive behavior—should not outweigh her responsibility to her constituency. She is doing them a great disservice by her obstinate unreasonableness.

The time for the governor to defend himself, as in normal judicial procedures, is at trial, at which the Senate will serve as jury.

The function of the members of the House, at this point, is to draw up a list of charges—where/what wrongs have been committed, and whether

they rise to the level of being improper conduct, misconduct of a public official. There is no place for defense of the conduct in question. That comes at the trial stage.

Party loyalty—or whatever it is that is prompting Ogu-

moro's counterproductive behavior—should not outweigh her responsibility to her constituency. She is doing them a great disservice by her obstinate unreasonableness.

The same is also true for the other members of the House who are being obstructive—it is a disservice to their constituency and an indication that they do not understand the process.

Ruth L. Tighe
Tanapag, Saipan

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-12-025

CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SHOP BUILDINGS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of new concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings at the CUC Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Facility on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The project consists in general of the construction of concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings and the expansion of existing buildings located on Saipan at Sadog Tasi. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the wastewater treatment plant or the operations at the water and wastewater operations offices. The work includes construction of water maintenance shop, parking sheds, wastewater equipment storage, pump shop extension, guard house and asphalt paving improvements. The Project is to be completed in 240 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-12-025, Construction of Maintenance & Repair Shop Buildings" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 2, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 14, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/S/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Business

Google says it won't take down anti-Muslim clip

WASHINGTON (AP)—Google is refusing a White House request to take down an anti-Muslim clip on YouTube, but is restricting access to it in certain countries.

The White House said Friday that it had asked YouTube to review whether the video violated its terms of use. Google owns YouTube, the online video sharing site.

YouTube said in a statement Friday that the video is widely available on the Web and is

"clearly within our guidelines and so will stay on YouTube."

The short film "Innocence of Muslims" denigrates Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. It played a role in igniting mob violence against U.S. embassies across the Middle East. And it has been blamed for playing a role in violence in Libya, where the U.S. ambassador and three others were killed though the exact cause of the attacks is under investigation.

U.S. and Libyan officials are investigating whether the protests

in Libya were a cover for militants, possibly al-Qaida sympathizers, to carry out a coordinated attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi and kill Americans. Washington has deployed FBI investigators to try and track down militants behind the attack.

While the protests intensified over the video, YouTube blocked access to the clip in Libya and Egypt. YouTube cited "the very sensitive situations" in those two countries. Later YouTube also blocked access to the video in In-

dia and Indonesia after their governments told Youtube the video broke their laws.

The controversy underscores how some Internet firms have been thrust into debates over the limits of free speech.

In its Friday statement, YouTube said that outside of Libya, Egypt, India and Indonesia, the

video will remain on its website.

"We work hard to create a community everyone can enjoy and which also enables people to express different opinions," the YouTube statement said. "This can be a challenge because what's OK in one country can be offensive elsewhere. This video—which is widely available on the Web—is

clearly within our guidelines and so will stay on YouTube. However, we've restricted access to it in countries where it is illegal such as India and Indonesia as well as in Libya and Egypt, given the very sensitive situations in these two countries. This approach is entirely consistent with principles we first laid out in 2007."

Rising gas prices crimp Americans' spending

WASHINGTON (AP)—Higher gas prices are crimping consumer spending and slowing the already-weak U.S. economy. And they could get worse in the coming months.

The Federal Reserve this week took steps to boost economic growth. But those stimulus measures are also pushing oil prices up. If gas prices follow, consumers will have less money to spend elsewhere.

The impact of the Fed's actions "is likely to weigh on the value of the U.S. dollar and lift commodity prices," said Joseph Carson, U.S. economist at AllianceBernstein. "We would not be surprised if (it) fueled more inflation in coming months, squeezing the real income of U.S. workers."

Americans are already feeling pinched by high unemployment, slow wage growth and higher gas prices.

Consumers increased their



AP
In this Monday, Sept. 10, 2012 photo gasoline prices are displayed at a Mobil station in Needham, Mass.

spending at retail businesses by 0.9 percent in August, the Commerce Department reported Friday. But that was largely because they paid more for gas. Excluding the impact of gas prices and a sizeable increase in auto sales, retail sales rose just 0.1 percent.

Perhaps more telling is where Americans spent less. Consumers cut back on clothing, electronics and at general merchandise outlets—discretionary purchases that typically signal confidence in the economy.

Gas prices have risen more than 50 cents per gallon in the past two months. The national average was \$3.87 a gallon on Friday. Most of the increase took place in August, which drove the biggest one-month increase in overall consumer prices in three years, the Labor Department said Friday in a separate report.

Feds investigate Ford police car steering problem

DETROIT (AP)—Government safety regulators are investigating Ford's Crown Victoria police cars due to complaints about defective steering columns.

The probe affects about 195,000 cars from the 2005 through 2008 model years.

The government has received three complaints that part of the steering column can separate and cause loss of steering control. No crashes or injuries were reported, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents posted Saturday on its website.

Investigators will determine if the cars have a safety defect and whether a recall is needed.

So far the vehicles haven't been recalled.

Ford spokeswoman Susan Krusel said that the company is aware of the investigation and is cooperating. The investigation only affects police versions of the Crown Victoria, she said.

The Crown Victoria had been the police car of choice in the U.S. for 15 years before Ford Motor Co. stopped making it at the end of 2011. The Dearborn, Mich. company controlled 70 percent of the police car market and averaged sales of 50,000 per year. The company stopped production of the Crown Victoria late last year at its St. Thomas assembly plant near London, Ontario.

NHTSA said in the documents that two of the complaints involved police cars and one affected a local government vehicle. In all three cases, the steering column separations happened at low speeds. One complaint said steering effort increased just before the separation.

The government also has received 10 complaints that inspections found steering columns that were about to separate.

In one complaint, the driver reported that when the steering column separated, there was no mechanical connection to the front wheels.

Warren Buffett finishes cancer treatment

NEW YORK (AP)—Warren Buffett says he's done with radiation treatments for cancer, and the Oracle of Omaha seems eager to move on.

The billionaire investor and chairman and CEO of investment firm Berkshire Hathaway Inc. broke the news Friday while speaking to a group of executives from newspapers he owns. "It's a great day for me. Today I had my 44th and last day of radiation," he said, according to the Berkshire-owned Omaha World-Herald.

Buffett had disclosed in the

spring that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. At the time, he said the disease was detected early and wasn't life-threatening.

Any discussion of Buffett's health raises questions about how long he can keep running his investment firm, Berkshire Hathaway. Buffett turned 82 two weeks ago and celebrated by giving away more of his \$44 billion fortune to his three children, for their charitable foundations.

Buffett said at the time that he was feeling fine and that

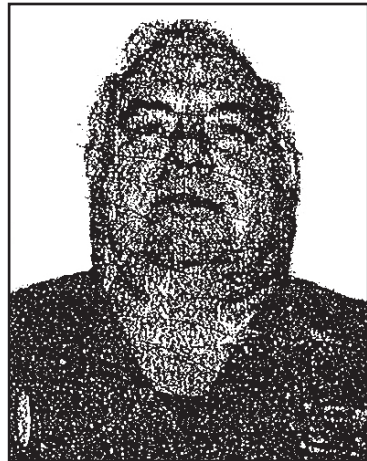
his decision wasn't related to his health. Instead, he wanted to reward his children for the progress their foundations have made on issues like ending violence against women and helping farmers in impoverished nations. Buffett has already pledged to give away most of his personal fortune to charity.

Berkshire plans to split Buffett's job into three parts once he is gone. The next CEO will run Berkshire, but two other men hired by Buffett in recent years will oversee investment. Buffett wants his eldest son to succeed him as chairman.

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Duties: Prepares bread, rolls, muffins, and biscuits according to recipe. Checks production schedule to determine variety and quantity of goods to bake. Measures ingredients, using measuring cups and spoons. Mixes ingredients to form dough into loaves or desired shapes. Places shaped dough in greased or floured pans. Spreads or sprinkles topping, such as jelly, cinnamon, and poppy seeds on specialties. Places pans of dough in proof box to rise. Inserts pans of raised dough in oven to bake, using peeled. Adjust drafts or thermostatic controls to regulate oven temperature. Removes baked goods from oven and places goods on cooling rack. Make bake pies, cookies, cakes, desserts and other pastries. Other related duties as required.

(1) ASSISTANT SOUS CHEF

Qualifications: Must be of a college graduate or equivalent and must have at least 4 to 5 years work experience as a supervisor.

Duties: Assist the Sous Chef by supervising and coordinating activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking food stuff. Observes workers engaged in preparing, portioning and garnishing foods to ensure that methods of cooking and garnishing foods to ensure that size of portions are prescribed. Gives instructions to cooking personnel in fine points of cooking. Cooks and carves meats and prepare dishes such as sauces, during rush periods and for banquet and other social functions. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absences of Sous Chef.

(1) Events/Banquet Coordinator

Qualifications: Must be of college graduate and have at least 5 years experience as an event and banquet coordinator.

Duties: Monitor event activities to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and laws, satisfaction of participants, and resolution of any problems that arise. Confer with staff at a chosen event site to coordinate details. Inspect event facilities to ensure that they conform to customer requirements. Coordinate services for events, such as accommodation and transportation for participants, facilities, catering, signage, displays, special needs requirements, printing and event security. Consult with customers to determine objectives and requirements for events such as meetings, conferences, and conventions. Meet with sponsors and organizing committees to plan scope and format of events, to establish and monitor budgets, or to review administrative procedures and event progress. Review event bills for accuracy, and approve payment. Evaluate and select providers of services according to customer requirements. Arrange the availability of audio-visual equipment, transportation, displays, and other event needs. Plan and develop programs, agendas, budgets, and services according to customer requirements. Reports regularly to the General or Resident Manager of progress and other work assignment. Responsible for Social Media in all areas of advertising, such as newspaper and website. Must work directly with the customer in all areas of Food and Beverage Sales and must be able to negotiate contracts.

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Nation

Calif. filmmaker: I won't return to besieged home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Southern California filmmaker linked to an anti-Islamic movie inflaming protests across the Middle East was interviewed Saturday at a Los Angeles sheriff's station and afterward decided not to re-

turn to his home—possibly heading into hiding, authorities said.

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was interviewed by federal probation officers for about half an hour at the station shortly after 12 a.m. in his hometown

Teen charged with trying to blow up a Chicago bar

HILLSDALE, ILL. (AP)—Undercover FBI agents arrested an 18-year-old American man who tried to detonate what he believed was a car bomb outside a downtown Chicago bar, federal prosecutors said Saturday.

Adel Daoud, a U.S. citizen from the Chicago suburb of Hillside, was arrested Friday night in an undercover operation in which an agent pretending to be a terrorist provided him with a phony car bomb and watched him press the trigger, prosecutors said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, which announced the arrest Saturday, said the device was harmless and the public was never at risk.

Daoud is charged with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to damage and destroy a building with an explosive. He remains in custody pending a detention and preliminary hearing

set for Monday in federal court.

A person who answered the phone Saturday at the home where Daoud and his family live and identified herself as his sister, Hiba, declined to discuss Daoud, the family or the arrest.

"We don't even know anything. We don't know that much. We know as little as you do," she said. "They're just accusations. ... We'd like to be left alone."

Later Saturday, no one answered the door of the family's two-story home, which had a well-kept garden in the yard and a basketball hoop in the driveway. The house faces a Lutheran church; a Greek Orthodox church also is nearby.

Next-door neighbor Harry Pappas said he was shocked by the arrest, calling Daoud's parents "wonderful" people and him a quiet boy who played basketball in the driveway with friends.



In this image from video provided by CBS2-KCAL9, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the man behind the anti-Muslim movie that has inflamed the Middle East, is escorted by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies from his home, early Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, in Cerritos, Calif.

of Cerritos, Calif., said Steve Whitmore, spokesman for the Los Angeles County sheriff's department.

After that, deputies dropped Nakoula off at an undisclosed location.

"He is gone. We don't know where he went," Whitmore said. "He said he is not going back to his home."

Federal officials are investigating whether Nakoula, who has been convicted of financial crimes, has violated the terms of his five-year probation. If so, a judge could send him back to prison.

Nakoula went voluntarily to the station, wearing a coat, hat, scarf and glasses that concealed his appearance. His home has been besieged by media for several days.

Whitmore said Nakoula was not handcuffed and the heavy apparel was his idea.

The probation department is reviewing the case of Nakoula, who pleaded no contest to bank fraud charges in 2010 and was banned from using computers or the Internet or using false identities as part of his sentence. Whitmore did not disclose other details about the interview.

If You Purchased Municipal Derivative Transactions from January 1, 1992 to August 18, 2011

You Could Get a Payment for a Class Action Settlement.

A proposed Settlement has been reached with JPMorgan Chase & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc. (n/k/a J.P. Morgan Securities LLC) and Bear Stearns & Co. (n/k/a J.P. Morgan Securities LLC) (collectively, "JPMorgan"), defendants in a class action lawsuit that alleges price-fixing in the sale of municipal derivatives transactions by JPMorgan and other companies. The case, *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1950, No. 08-02516, is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Who Is Included in the Settlement?

This Settlement includes all state, local and municipal government entities, independent government agencies, quasi-government, non-profit and private entities that purchased:

- (1) Municipal derivative transactions through negotiation, competitive bidding or auction, from any Alleged Provider Defendant or Co-Conspirator or brokered by any Alleged Broker Defendant or Co-Conspirator,
- (2) Any time from January 1, 1992 through August 18, 2011 in the United States and its territories or for delivery in the United States and its territories.

The Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed in the detailed notice available on the Settlement website.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

JPMorgan agreed to a settlement amount of \$44.575 million to be paid as follows: \$24 million has already been paid into an escrow account and up to \$20.575 million will be paid later. This Settlement is only a partial settlement of the lawsuit because it only affects the claims against JPMorgan. The lawsuit is continuing against other Defendants. Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo have already settled. JPMorgan will provide reasonable cooperation, including discovery cooperation, to Class Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation that will continue against the other Defendants.

What Do I Do Now?

- **Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not have to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you give up the right to sue JPMorgan for the claims and issues in this case. The Settlement Agreement, specifically Paragraph 1(ee), which is available at www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com, describes in more detail the legal claims that you give up if you stay in the Class. Claim forms are not available now. Register on the Settlement website to receive a claim form when

it becomes available. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you still have the right to exclude yourself from any other settlements with other defendants reached in this lawsuit.

- **Exclude yourself from the Settlement.** If you do not want to remain in the Settlement Class, you must exclude yourself. You must send a written request for exclusion by first-class mail, **postmarked no later than October 19, 2012** to the Settlement Administrator. The detailed notice available on the Settlement website describes the information you are required to include in your request for exclusion. If you exclude yourself, you cannot participate in the Settlement, but you retain your right to sue JPMorgan on your own for the claims in this lawsuit.
- **Object or Comment on the Settlement.** If you remain in the Settlement Class and want to object to or comment on the JPMorgan Settlement or any part of it, you must file an objection with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and JPMorgan **no later than October 9, 2012**.

When Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court has scheduled a hearing on December 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007, to consider whether to finally approve the JPMorgan Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether to approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation expenses, and to consider any objections.

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey L.L.P. to serve as Class Counsel and represent all Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. You or your lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing but are not required to. If you want to be heard by the Court, you must file a written notice of your intention to appear with the Court and deliver a copy to the Class Counsel and JPMorgan **no later than October 9, 2012**. The Court may change the time and date of the hearing. Any change will be posted on the Settlement website.

Get More Information

For more information on this lawsuit, your rights, or to obtain a list of defendants, call or visit the Settlement website listed below or write to Municipal Derivatives Settlement, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc., PO Box 2500, Faribault, MN 55021-9500.

For more information: 1-877-310-0512 www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com

ACROSS THE NATION

US orders some diplomats out of Sudan, Tunisia

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department on Saturday ordered the departure of all family members and non-essential U.S. government personnel from its embassies in Sudan and Tunisia and warned U.S. citizens against any travel to the two countries due to security concerns over rising anti-American violence. "Given the security situation in Tunis and Kharthoum, the State Department has ordered the departure of all family members and non-emergency personnel from both posts, and issued parallel travel warnings to American citizens," said department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland. In Tunisia, the warning advised Americans that the international airport in Tunis is open and encouraged all U.S. citizens to depart on commercial flights.

Thousands of teachers rally in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Thousands of striking Chicago public school teachers and their allies packed a city park Saturday in a boisterous show of force as union leaders and the district tried to work out the details of an agreement that could end a week-long walkout. Pushing strollers, toting signs and towing wagons of children, thousands of red-shirted teachers

cheered and chanted as speaker after speaker urged them to stand firm until they have a deal in writing. They told the teachers that their strike was a symbol of hope for public teachers and other unions that have been losing ground around the nation. Months of contract negotiations came down to two main issues: job security and union opposition to a new teacher evaluation process the union felt was too heavily weighted on student test scores.

Evacuation order lifted after Ind. chemical fire

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP)—Hundreds of northern Indiana residents returned home Saturday after spending the night at shelters, hotels or with relatives after a chemical fire at a vacant plant that's in the midst of a federally supervised cleanup ousted them from their homes. Mishawaka Battalion Chief Mike Croy said the all-clear was given about 7 a.m. Saturday after air monitoring showed it was safe for residents to return home within a one-mile radius of the old Baycote factory. The fire inside a small area of the factory in Mishawaka released a chemical vapor cloud of unknown substances over the city's south side, prompting officials to order the precautionary evacuation, Croy said.

Asia

Inside attack kills 4 NATO troops

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—At least one Afghan police officer turned his gun on NATO troops at a checkpoint in southern Afghanistan before dawn Sunday, killing four international service members before escaping, a spokesman for the international military coalition said.

It was the latest in a string of insider attacks by Afghan forces against their international counterparts that are threatening the military partnership between Kabul and NATO, a partnership that is key to the handover of security responsibilities to Afghan forces as international troops draw down. The day before, a gunman in the uniform of a government-backed militia force shot dead two British soldiers in the south.

Jamie Graybeal, a spokesman

for the international military in Afghanistan, said details of the attack were slow to come out because it took place in a remote part of southern Afghanistan. He said the attacker was still at large but it was unclear if there were multiple assailants.

"The attack took place in the vicinity of an outpost in southern Afghanistan. It is my understanding that it was a checkpoint," Graybeal said. International forces often work with Afghan police to man checkpoints as part of the effort to train and mentor the Afghan forces so that they can eventually operate on their own. The goal is to turn over all security responsibility for the country to the Afghans by the end of 2014, though numbers of NATO forces have already been reduced in

some areas.

The coalition said in a statement that they are investigating what happened. The statement confirmed the deaths but did not provide details or nationalities. NATO typically waits for the nations contributing troops to identify their own dead.

There were also international troops wounded, Graybeal said. He said that early reports showed two were hurt and that they were receiving treatment. He did not say how serious the injuries were.

So far this year, 51 international service members have died at the hands of Afghan soldiers or policemen or insurgents wearing their uniforms. At least 12 such attacks came in August alone, leaving 15 dead.

China's presumed next leader resurfaces

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese leader-in-waiting Xi Jinping reappeared in public Saturday after a two-week absence that sparked rumors about his health and questions about the stability of the country's succession process.

State media said Xi toured exhibits at China Agricultural University in Beijing commemorating National Science Popularization Day, but offered no explanation of why he had dropped from sight.



Xi

Photos posted on the government's official website showed Xi dressed casually in an open-necked shirt and black wind breaker as he toured the university. He smiled as he examined corn plants, showing no sign of disability or ill health. State-run

China Central Television broadcast video of Xi looking at the plants, listening to researchers and watching students conduct experiments.

The state media reports did not address why Xi had not been seen publicly since Sept. 1, when he made a speech at the ruling Communist Party's official training academy.

Since then, he has canceled meetings with visiting foreign dignitaries including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt. The Chinese government has yet to explain Xi's public absence.

Speculation over Xi's disappearance highlights the intense scrutiny China's succession process is under, tempered with uneasiness about the country's opaque political system, which often seems at odds with its rising global importance.

"The leadership needs to realize how the world perceives this. They may have their own reasons for keeping it secret, but it is not beneficial to China's global status and position as a world power," said David Zweig, an expert on Chinese politics at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Cheng Li, an expert on Chinese elite politics at Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C., said China watchers might have read too much into Xi's absence and the lack of explanation from Beijing.

passenger van came under attack early Sunday in the Jandol area of Lower Dir district. Abid says the bomb was planted on the dirt road connecting border villages with the town of Munda and the Bajur tribal region. He says the bomb was detonated when the van loaded with passengers reached near Jandol at around 7 a.m. He says the injured passengers were rushed to a hospital, where some are in serious condition.

Malaysia asks Google to block anti-Muslim clip

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysia is asking Google to block access to an anti-Muslim video clip blamed for sparking mob attacks against U.S. embassies and consulates across the Middle East. Information Minister Rais Yatim says Malaysian authorities want the clip removed from YouTube because of the "explosive commotions and repercussions at hand." Google owns YouTube, which has already blocked the clip in

Libya and Egypt, citing "the very sensitive situations" there. It also blocked it in India and Indonesia after their governments told YouTube the video broke their laws.

Typhoon brings blackouts, floods to southern Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon passing over southwestern Japan has left tens of thousands of homes without power and brought transportation to the region by sea and air to a standstill. Japan's Meteorological Agency said Typhoon Sanba crossed over the Okinawan islands on Sunday and was headed toward the Korean Peninsula after dumping heavy rains and whipping Okinawa with powerful winds. It described the typhoon as large and very strong, with gusts of up to 250 kilometers (155 miles) per hour. The agency warned residents to stay indoors. The storm caused flight and ferry cancellations. More than 60,000 homes were without power, according to media reports.

World

Al-Qaida: More attacks on embassies



An Egyptian protester stomps on the roof of a car in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, early Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, before police cleared the area after days of protests against a film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad. AP

CAIRO (AP)—Al-Qaida's most active branch in the Middle East called for more attacks on U.S. embassies Saturday to "set the fires blazing," seeking to co-opt outrage over an anti-Muslim film even as the wave of protests that swept 20 countries this week eased.

Senior Muslim religious authorities issued their strongest pleas yet against resorting to violence, trying to defuse Muslim anger over the film a day after new attacks on U.S. and Western embassies that left at least eight protesters dead.

The top cleric in U.S. ally Saudi Arabia denounced the film but said it can't really hurt Islam, a contrast to protesters'

frequently heard cries that the movie amounts to a humiliating attack that requires retaliation. He urged Muslims not to be "dragged by anger" into violence. The head of the Sunni Muslim world's pre-eminent religious institution, Egypt's Al-Azhar, backed peaceful protests but said Muslims should counter the movie by reviving Islam's moderate ideas.

In the Egyptian capital Cairo, where the first protests against the movie that denigrates the Prophet Muhammad erupted, police finally succeeded in clearing away protesters who had been clashing with security forces for days near the U.S. Embassy. Police arrested 220

people and a concrete wall was erected across the road leading to the embassy.

No significant protests were reported in the Mideast Saturday; the only report of violence linked to the film came from Australia, where riot police clashed with about 200 protesters at the U.S. Consulate in Sydney.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, President Barack Obama paid tribute to the four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, who were killed in an armed attack on the U.S. Consulate in the eastern Libyan city on Benghazi this week. He also denounced the anti-U.S. mob protests that followed.

Syria envoy says no plan to end violence yet

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—The new international envoy tasked with ending Syria's civil war summed up his first foray to Damascus Saturday with a startling and frank admission that he still has no plan for stopping the bloodshed which he warned could threaten world peace.

The bleak outlook offered by veteran diplomat Lakhdar Brahimi after three days of meetings with Syrian officials and the opposition underlines just how fruitless diplomatic efforts have been in bringing an end to the seemingly intractable and deadly

18-month-old conflict.

"I repeat ... I have no plan," Brahimi told reporters in Damascus after meeting with Syria's embattled president, Bashar Assad, in their first talks since the Algerian diplomat took up the job earlier this month that he himself has called "nearly impossible."

"We, however, will set the plan that we will follow after listening to all internal, regional and international parties, hoping that such a plan will manage to open channels toward ending the crisis," he added.

Brahimi faces a monumental task in trying to break through

the deadly cycle of violence that activists say has killed at least 23,000 people since the uprising to topple Assad began in March 2011. Brahimi, who also served as a U.N. envoy in Iraq and Afghanistan, replaced former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan who left the job in frustration in August after his efforts failed to resolve Syria's conflict.

Annan's six-point peace plan, which included a ceasefire, never gained traction on the ground, and was largely ignored by the government and the rebels before the plan ultimately collapsed.

Anti-Putin protest draws tens of thousands

MOSCOW (AP)—The first major protest against President Vladimir Putin after a summer lull drew tens of thousands of people, determined to show that opposition sentiment remains strong despite Kremlin efforts to muzzle dissent.

The street protests broke out after a December parliamentary election won by Putin's party through what observers said was widespread fraud, and they grew in strength ahead of Putin's effectively unopposed election in March to a third

presidential term.

Huge rallies of more than 100,000 people even in bitter winter cold gave many protesters hope for democratic change. These hopes have waned, but opposition supporters appear ready to dig in for a long fight.

"We have to defend the rights that we were deprived of, the right to have elections. We were deprived of honest elections and an honest government," opposition activist Alexander Shcherbakov said.

"I've come to show that and to demonstrate that the people are opposed. I'm opposed to the illegitimate government and illegitimate elections."

Leftists, liberals and nationalists mixed with students, teachers, gay activists and others as they marched down Moscow's tree-lined boulevards chanting "Russia without Putin!" and "We are the power here!" Many wore the white ribbons that have become the symbol of the protest movement.

ASIAN BRIEFS

More anti-Japan protests in China over islands

BEIJING (AP)—Protesters in China have begun another day of demonstrations against Japan, after protests over disputed islands spread across numerous cities and at times turned violent. Hundreds of protesters across from the Japanese Consulate in Shanghai chanted and waved banners Sunday asserting that the islands in the East China Sea, which are controlled by Japan, are Chinese. About 50 military police officers carrying shields stood outside the consulate. Tensions have boiled over since Japan's government purchased the islands from their private owners last week.

Police: Roadside bomb kills 12 in NW Pakistan

TIMERGARAH, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani police say a roadside bomb has killed 12 passengers of a van and injured seven others in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border. Senior police officer Ejaz Abid says the

Life & Style

Topless Kate pix published in Ireland, Italy next

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ROME (AP)—The British royal family faced a multinational battle to contain the spread of topless photos of Prince William's wife Kate, as an Irish tabloid published them Saturday and an Italian gossip magazine planned to do the same despite the threat of legal action.

The royal couple's St. James's Palace office condemned the moves as unjustifiable and evidence of pure greed, and said it was considering "all proportionate responses."

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge sued French magazine Closer on Friday after it ran the photos, taken while Kate and William were on vacation at a relative's private estate in southern France last month.

The publication has been roundly condemned by British newspapers, which refrained from publishing them out of respect for the young couple's privacy, even though tabloids

like The Sun run topless women every day on page 3 and ran pictures of Prince Harry naked in Las Vegas last month.

The British media, wary about an ongoing media ethics inquiry triggered by revelations of illegal phone hacking and other intrusive newspaper behavior, has generally respected palace guidelines stressing that William and Kate should not be photographed when they are not in public.

But across the Irish Sea, the Dublin-based Irish Daily Star ran a blurry reproduction of the pages from Closer over two inside pages Saturday.

Editor Mike O'Kane told the BBC the photos weren't included in the edition distributed in Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom. And the newspaper's website came up as "temporarily unavailable" Saturday.

O'Kane defended his newspaper, saying that Ireland did not view the royal family the same way as the British.

"She's not our future queen," he told the BBC. "The duchess would be no different to any other celeb pics we would get in, for example Rihanna or Lady Gaga."

Northern and Shell, the British company that co-owns the Irish Daily Star—and publishes its British sister tabloid, the Daily Star—said it was "profoundly dismayed" the Dublin newspaper had run the pictures. It said it had had no control over the decision.

Northern and Shell's chairman, Richard Desmond, said he was "taking immediate steps to close down the joint venture" that runs the tabloid.

In Italy, gossip magazine Chi, which is owned by former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, said it planned to publish a 26-page spread with the photos on Monday, although it wasn't clear if the content was any different from what Closer ran.

Chi is part of Berlusconi's publishing empire Mondadori, which also owns Closer.

The Chi cover, featuring three pictures of a topless princess, was unveiled Saturday in Italian newspapers and television under the headline "Court Scandal: The Queen is Nude!"

In an interview Saturday with The Associated Press, Chi editor Alfonso Signorini said he didn't fear legal action since the photos were already in the public domain following Closer's publication.

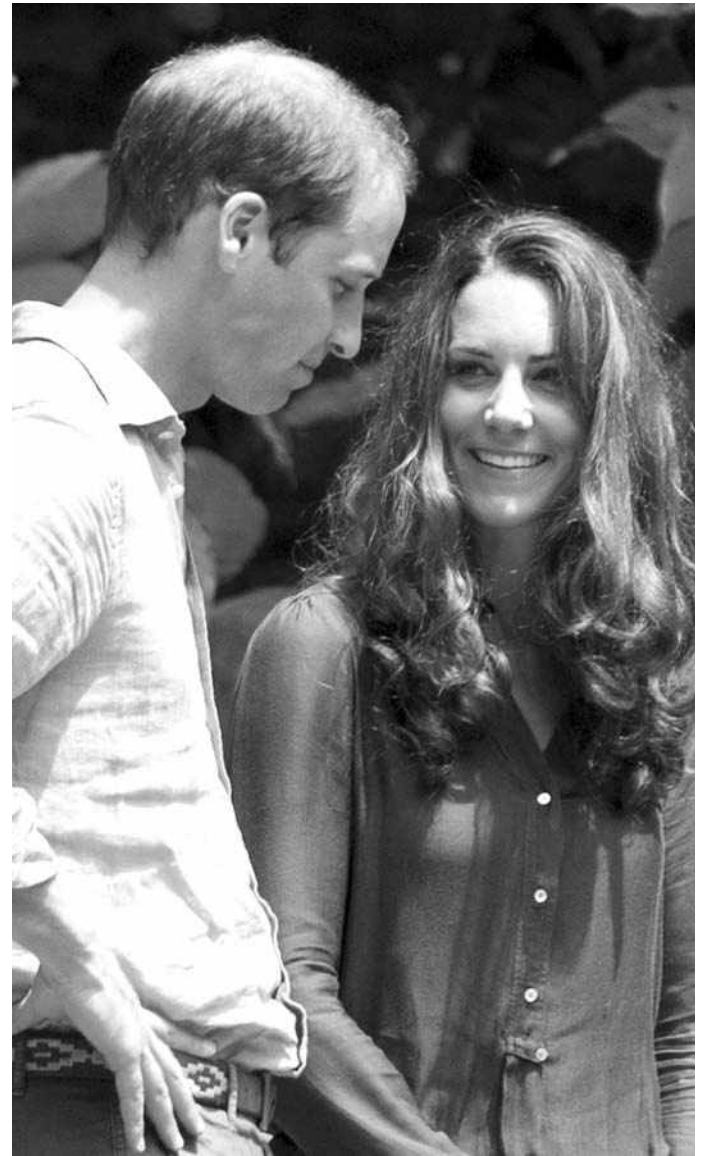
"Closer's position is different, they were the first ones to publish," he said.

He defended the decision to publish them in Italy, saying the photos are tasteful and respect Kate's dignity.

"I don't see anything morbid or damaging in them," he said. "Chi pays attention to respecting people's dignity. I don't think they hurt Kate's image."

He added in a statement that the pictures actually were in line "with the modern concept of the monarchy."

"It shows in its total naturalness the daily life of a young, fa-



Britain's Prince William, left, and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge speak to each other during their visit at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge in Danum Valley, some 70 kilometers (44 miles) west of Lahad Datu, on the island of Borneo Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012. AP

Portrait likely Velazquez's first of Spanish king

DALLAS (AP)—In preparing an exhibit on 17th century artist Diego Velazquez's early work for Spain's King Philip IV, art historians believe they discovered that a portrait by the Spanish master at Dallas' Meadows Museum is likely his first of his lifelong patron.

"Diego Velazquez: The Early Court Portraits" opens Sunday at the museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University, the result of a partnership between the Meadows and Madrid's famed Museo del Prado, Spain's national art museum. The exhibit, which the Meadows calls the most important devoted to Velazquez in the U.S. in more than two decades, will run through Jan. 13.

"What you'll see in this exhibition is the beginning of one of the most extraordinary relationships in the history of art—that's the relationship between young Velazquez and Philip IV," said Gabriele Finaldi, the Prado's deputy director for collections.

"What you need there is an extraordinarily talented artist, which you have in Velazquez. But you also need a very far-seeing patron, and that's Philip IV, who had real personal passion for painting," Finaldi added.

Velazquez became the king's court painter in 1623, when he was only 24. It was a job he would hold until his death in 1660 at the age of 61. The exhibit focuses on his first decade working for the king. For the first time in four centuries, the

Dallas exhibit brings together two of Velazquez's early portraits of the king: the Prado's full-length portrait of him dressed all in black that was painted in the 1620s and the Meadows' bust-length portrait.

In anticipation of the show, both portraits underwent analysis at the Prado. X-rays of the Meadows portrait showed brush strokes indicating Velazquez was working out how to paint the king, helping back up the belief that it could have been his initial attempt.

"Now we think more than ever that it was the first portrait," said Mark Roglan, director of the Meadows.

The exhibit features five paintings by Velazquez, including his portrait of the poet Luis de Gongora y Argote from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, which was done a year before Velazquez became Philip IV's court painter. A Velazquez portrait of a court jester painted in the early 1630s comes from the Cleveland Museum of Art.

A portrait of Philip IV from Velazquez's workshop that has never before been seen in public comes from a private Spanish collection. The exhibition also features 16 prints, some with engraved portraits modeled after Velazquez's work.

The Prado and the Meadows began a three-year partnership in 2009 that has included an exchange of scholars, research, works of art and exhibitions. This summer the two institutions announced they will extend the collaboration for another two years.



This handout photo courtesy of the Meadows Museum shows workers installing a full-length portrait of Spain's King Philip IV at the Meadows Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. AP

other two years.

The Meadows Museum, which opened in 1965, is the vision of a Texan who started collecting Spanish art after being inspired by visits to the Prado. Hoping to create a "Prado on the Prairie," oil financier Algur H. Meadows donated

his private Spanish art collection and funds to start the museum to SMU. The Meadows' portrait of Philip IV was one of his acquisitions.

"It was a very easy and natural fit that the Prado should work closely with the Meadows," Finaldi said.

mous, modern couple in love," he said.

Citing that argument, Mondadori said Saturday it respected the editorial decisions of both Chi and Closer, Italian news agency ANSA reported.

A spokeswoman at St. James's Palace said royal officials were reviewing "all proportionate responses" to Chi's planned publication.

The spokeswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with palace policy, said publication of the photos served no purpose "other than to cause further, entirely unjustifiable upset to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, who were enjoying time alone together in the privacy of a relative's home."

The blurry photos, called a "grotesque" abuse of privacy by royal officials after they were published Friday by Closer, show Kate - the Duchess of Cambridge - wearing only a skimpy bikini bottom and sunglasses.

In one of the three on Chi's cover, she appears to be rubbing suntan lotion on William's shoulder.

Palace officials compared the intrusion on the young couple's privacy to the tragic paparazzi pursuit of William's mother

Princess Diana, which many believe was a contributing factor to her early death in a car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

That two magazines in Berlusconi's media empire were responsible for the distribution of the images of a topless Kate is remarkable, given the former premier's own problems with paparazzi and his privacy.

In 2009, he threatened legal action against the Spanish newspaper El Pais after it published photos of topless women and a naked man lounging at his Sardinian estate. Italian prosecutors seized the photos and placed the photographer under investigation for alleged violation of privacy.

The photos came to light at the start of Berlusconi's downfall: They were published amid a scandal involving Berlusconi and a Naples model, whose 18th birthday party the then-premier attended.

Berlusconi, who was forced from office in November after financial markets lost faith in his ability to steer Italy out of its debt crisis, is currently on trial in Milan on charges he paid for sex with an underage Moroccan girl and then used his office to try to cover it up. He denies wrongdoing, and both he and the girl say they didn't have sex.

'SNL' player Taran Killam cast as Paul Ryan

NEW YORK (AP)—The final piece is in place for the presidential race on "Saturday Night Live."

"SNL" cast member Taran Killam will be playing GOP vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan.

The question of who had won

this key role was answered Saturday when the NBC comedy show returned for its season premiere. Killam appeared in a sketch as Ryan, attempting to clarify his past athletic achievements.



Killam

Killam is beginning his third season.

Earlier, "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels said Jay Pharoah would take over the role of President Barack Obama from Fred

Armisen. Pharoah made several appearances as Obama on Saturday's show.

Michaels also said Jason Sudeikis will remain with the show, continuing to play both Obama's Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, as well as Vice President Joe Biden.

Angelina Jolie pushes plight of refugees in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—Hollywood star Angelina Jolie is in Iraq meeting with leaders about the plight of an estimated 50,000 refugees who fled to escape violence in Syria.

A government statement said Jolie on Saturday urged Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari to ensure the refugees have enough supplies.

Zebari said an estimated 21,000 Syrian refugees are living in Iraq's western Anbar and Dohuk provinces. Another 31,000 Iraqis who years ago fled to Syria to escape sectarian fighting in their homeland have returned, he said.

Jolie is a goodwill ambassador for the U.N.'s refugee agency. She is expected to visit the Kurdish self-rule capital of Irbil in northern Iraq on Sunday.

It was a rare visit to Iraq by an American movie star. She posed for pictures with Zebari but was not available for interviews.



The photo released by UNHCR shows UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie meeting with Syrian refugee families in an undisclosed refugee camp close to the Syrian border in eastern Turkey Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012.

'Games of Thrones' top creative arts Emmy winner

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The fantasy series "Game of Thrones" was the big winner Saturday at the creative arts Emmy Awards.

The HBO saga received a leading six trophies at the ceremony that recognizes technical and other achievements. Best special visual effects and best costumes for a series were among the trophies claimed by "Game of Thrones."

Others honored at the ceremony were four TV series guest stars, including Kathy Bates for

CBS' "Two and a Half Men" and Jimmy Fallon as host of NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Bates has a shot at another trophy, for best actress "Harry's Law," her canceled NBC series, at the prime-time Emmy ceremony to air Sept. 23.

Earlier this week, she said she was recovering from a double mastectomy after being diagnosed with breast cancer two months ago.

On the drama side, Emmys went to Jeremy Davies for his guest appearance on FX's

"Justified" and Martha Plimpton for her turn on CBS' "The Good Wife."

Programs with multiple-award bragging rights included Discovery Channel's "Frozen Planet," "Great Expectations" on PBS' "Masterpiece" showcase and "Saturday Night Live," each of which earned four Emmys.

History's "Hatfields & McCoy's," HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" and the 65th annual Tony Awards on CBS each nabbed three awards.

Among networks, HBO

earned a leading 17 creative arts Emmys, followed by CBS with 13 and PBS with 11. Discovery received six awards, NBC got five and ABC and the Cartoon Network won four each. Fox won two trophies.

Emmys in 26 categories including acting, writing and directing will be presented at the upcoming ceremony, which will air live on ABC at 8 p.m. EDT next Sunday.

UK military: No plan to end Harry's Afghan tour

LONDON (AP)—Britain says it doesn't plan to cut short Prince Harry's deployment to Afghanistan, despite the Taliban attack on the base where he is stationed.

Two U.S. Marines died in the assault on Camp Bastion in Helmand Province Friday, and Taliban claimed it carried out the attack to avenge an anti-Islamic film that insulted the Prophet Muhammad and because Harry is there.

Britain's defense ministry said the prince's deployment was carefully planned and the threat to all British troops "is continually assessed and all measures taken to mitigate it."

Harry's status as third in line to the throne has complicated his military career. A deployment to Iraq was announced, then abandoned, in 2007.

His tour to Afghanistan in 2007-2008 was cut short after 10 weeks when a media blackout was breached.

Colbert to NY Fordham students: 'I love my church'

NEW YORK (AP)—In a rare public moment out of character, actor Stephen Colbert told students at the Jesuit Fordham University on Friday that he loves the Roman Catholic Church no matter its human flaws.

The host of "The Colbert Report" talked about his faith in a discussion on humor and spirituality with New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan and the Rev. James Martin, author of "Between Heaven and Mirth" and the official chaplain of Colbert's show.

Colbert, who has taught Sunday school classes to school-age children, said people in comedy often don't understand how he could remain Catholic. But he said he views the church as teaching joy, which he called the "infallible sign of the pres-

ence of God."

"I love my church—warts and all," he said, before an audience of about 3,000 cheering students, who posted his quotes on Twitter using the organizers' (hash)dolan-colbert hashtag.

Colbert said people in comedy often make jokes at the expense of religion, but he makes jokes about what he called people's misuse of religion in politics and other arenas. Still, he said, "If Jesus

doesn't have a sense of humor, I am in huge trouble."

Colbert took the opportunity to needle Dolan about the new English-language translation of the Roman Missal, the text of prayers and instructions for celebrating Mass. The translation was introduced last fall in U.S. parishes to initial grumbling over what critics

called stilted language. A focus of the complaints was the translation of the Nicene Creed, replacing the phrase "one in Being with the Father" to "consubstantial with the Father."

"Consubstantial?" Colbert said, as Dolan shook his head and laughed. "It's the Creed. It's not the SAT prep."

For his part, Dolan, who gave benedictions at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions, told of his encounter with Clint Eastwood at the GOP event.

According to the cardinal, Eastwood said he had once played a preacher in a movie and said "I know that neck thing is really uncomfortable."

The cardinal didn't mention Eastwood's peculiar talk on the convention stage with an imaginary President Barack Obama in an empty chair.



Colbert

Talented tradesmen keep our country up and running

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: America's tradesmen—plumbers, electricians, auto mechanics, roofers, masons and more—get very little respect. In fact, the only time these skilled professionals get our attention is when we have an emergency.

This lack of regard is leading our nation down an unfortunate pathway, as fewer and fewer young people pursue jobs in these professions. If we don't change our attitude about the worth of tradesmen, who will build our homes and schools, repair our cars, keep our water flowing and our power turned on?

On Sept. 21, we have a chance to thank a tradesman. The date has been earmarked as National Tradesmen Day. Everyone can participate: Drop a box of doughnuts at the job site near your home. Call your plumber and say, "Thank you for your help over the years." Invite a skilled tradesman to speak at your child's school. The ways to honor them are limitless. Abby, would you help to get the word out?

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Dear Abby

DEAR JEFF: I'm pleased to help because I agree with your message. Tradespeople don't often receive the respect and gratitude they deserve. Everyone needs to know his or her efforts are valued and appreciated, and failure to extend this courtesy may affect our quality of life in the coming decades.

In years past, skilled trades were handed down with pride from one generation to the next. However, as baby boomers have been retiring, fewer young people have been stepping forward to take their place. In fact, according to a recent talent shortage survey by ManpowerGroup, more jobs for skilled tradesmen go unfilled than any other category of employment.

Why? Because there aren't enough trained replacements to fill openings for electricians, welders, mechanics, plumbers, roofers and more.

Part of the reason may be our emphasis on pursuing advanced college degrees for almost everyone. But another may be the lack of respect that has been shown for these vital occupations. The result has been, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that for every three tradesmen who retire, only one person is stepping up to fill the gap.

I hear from many readers whose young adult children are unable to find work. Talk with them about this. People in the trades can earn good money. Visit a local community college with your son or daughter and learn more about classes and certifications available for skilled trades.

And please, show tradespeople how much their contributions are valued. Call your favorite handyman, plumber and HVAC technician not to once again scream for help, but to express your appreciation. Treat them to a box of your special home-baked cookies or brownies, refer them to your friends and family so they can get additional business, write to your local newspapers, websites or blogs expressing your appreciation.

Visit nationaltradesmenday.com, and please remember, these hardworking individuals need to know that although National Tradesmen Day is Friday, we are grateful for their efforts the other 364 days a year, too.

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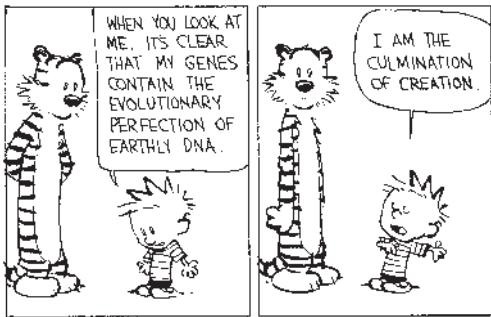
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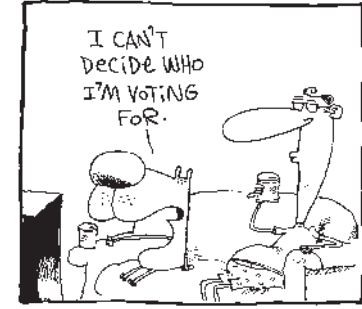
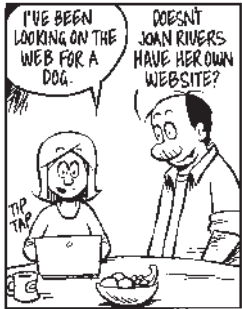


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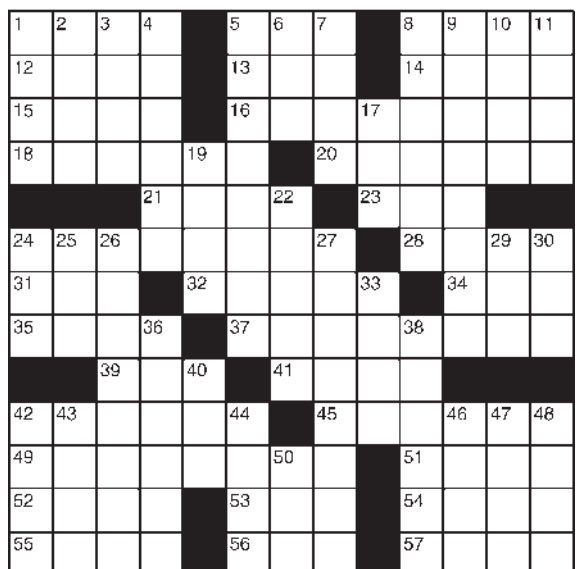
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Circle portions
- 5 Owned
- 8 Open slightly
- 12 Milne bear
- 13 Eggs
- 14 Rage
- 15 Rewrite, maybe
- 16 What "old soldiers" do
- 18 Take out of context?
- 20 Inbox fillers
- 21 Santa's bagful
- 23 — -tac-toe
- 24 All-American dessert
- 28 Use an old phone
- 31 Allow
- 32 "No man is an island" writer John
- 34 Brewery product
- DOWN**
- 13 Item on stage
- 37 What George Washington couldn't do
- 39 Central
- 41 Sagacious
- 42 Ranking
- 45 In truth
- 49 Ultra-formal
- 51 Neighborhood
- 52 Top-rated
- 53 Coffee vessel
- 54 Shade of blue
- 55 Raised
- 56 — -relief
- 57 Slave to cross-words?
- DOWN**
- 1 Mimicked
- 2 Took the bus
- 3 Slinky's shape
- 4 Jewish village
- 5 Treat container for
- 12-Across
- 27 Peps up
- 29 Boxing legend
- 30 CSA VIP
- 33 Other-wise
- 36 — against (opposing)
- 38 Infuse with CO₂
- 40 Payable
- 42 Mop the deck
- 43 Hammer wielder of myth
- 44 Theater-goer's souvenir
- 46 Enrages
- 47 Tilt
- 48 Connecticut campus
- 50 A Gershwin

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Saturday's answer 9-17



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let emotional confusion cause you to lose sight of your goals. Change is good, and implementing old with new will give you exactly what you need to accomplish your goals with a unique touch. An old lover or friend is likely to surface. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider your choices and you will realize the best route to take personally and professionally. Diversify what you have to offer to suit the changing times and you will excel. Don't get stuck in the past when it's the future that counts. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on self-improvement, but don't go overboard. Cost-effective alterations will make you feel good and keep your stress level down. Deal with any uncertainty you have with a peer or your vocation. Love and romance are on the rise. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Promises made to family members will be difficult

to keep and lead to disappointment. Changes at home may not be your idea, but it is wise to accept the inevitable. What appears to be negative will turn out to be to your benefit. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Organize or attend a community event. The changes you make will be met with approval. Speak openly about your feelings and plans for the future. A new acquaintance will develop into a long-lasting friendship or partnership. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moneymaking ventures will be profitable. Invest in your abilities and you will succeed. Small business ventures will help make your money work for you. Keep your financial and personal situation a secret until you have reached your ideal goal. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open-mindedness will help when faced with adversity. Seeing all sides of a situation will favor finding a solution that suits everyone. Don't make an abrupt change, but do make a motion to integrate the alterations that will benefit everyone. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect delays. Watch your step and avoid mishaps. Ease into whatever you plan to do and avoid overspending. A problem with rules and regulations should be anticipated. Focus on taking care of your personal well-being. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Changing your work habits will bring good results. You can get far more accomplished if you are happy in your personal life. A moneymaking idea will pan out well for

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you. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take one step at a time. Listen and observe what others do. Do not let an emotional situation confuse you. Analyze what's going on and estimate the best move possible. Make sure that ulterior motives aren't involved on your part or someone else's. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and effort into your surroundings. Redecorate or make a residential move or alteration that better suits your current lifestyle, needs or professional endeavors. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

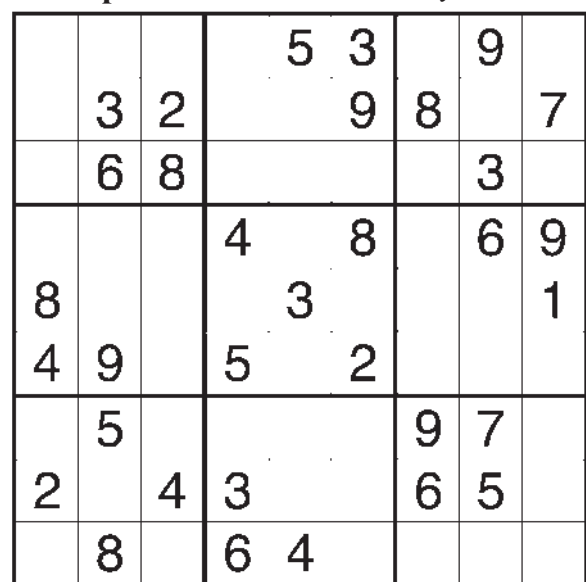
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A creative approach to the way you handle your finances or a partnership will help you get your way. Don't go overboard or embellish what it is you are trying to accomplish. Excess is the enemy and moderation is your friend. ★★★

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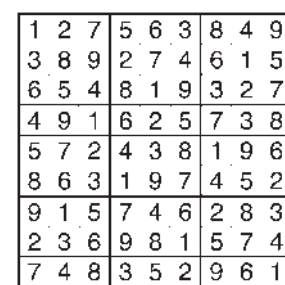
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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 10 letters



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Last Saturday's Answer: Games
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In the matter of the Adoption of: Christiane Cindylynnne Hart Cabrera Minor Child] FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0366
By: Victor Diaz Cabrera Petitioner.] NOTICE OF HEARING

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Nova returns, pitches Yankees past Rays



NEW YORK
(AP)— Some critical rein-

forcements are still on the way for the Yankees. With the AL East race up for grabs, New York would be thrilled if those players are as sharp as Ivan Nova when they get back.

Nova was downright nasty in his return from a shoulder injury and New York got back-to-back home runs from Curtis Granderson and Eduardo Nunez in a 5-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

"Even though he hadn't pitched a lot, you could see where his endurance level was, where his velocity was, the deception on his pitches," Granderson said. "He did an excellent job for us."

Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez each had an RBI single for the Yankees, who began the day tied with Baltimore atop the division standings. The Orioles were scheduled to play later in Oakland.

Evan Longoria homered for the third-place Rays, who fell four games behind New York with 17 to play.

"We don't have a lot of time," Longoria said.

One day after Yankees ace CC Sabathia lost his third straight decision, Nova out-pitched James Shields and gave New York's rotation a nice boost. David Robertson worked a perfect eighth and Rafael Soriano got three outs for his 39th save in 42 attempts.

With two on in the ninth, Soriano fanned pinch-hitter Elliot Johnson for the final out - assuring the Yankees (82-63) their 20th consecutive winning season.

Asked what he liked about Nova's performance, Yankees manager Joe Girardi replied: "Everything."

"We've seen him do it before. We really didn't expect to get him into the seventh," Girardi said. "I was extremely impressed with his stuff today and his command and what he did out there."

"I was just hoping that coming off of whatever was bothering him, it would continue to be a problem, and it was not," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "He likes our uniform, I know that. He's very comfortable when he sees our uniform."

The 25-year-old right-hander was lifted after Jeff Keppinger's leadoff single in the seventh on his 85th pitch. He pointed toward the stands, tapped his chest and doffed his cap as he walked off the field to a grateful ovation from the crowd of 46,856.

Joba Chamberlain gave up a two-run single to pinch-hitter Luke Scott before striking out Desmond Jennings to preserve a 4-3 lead. Jennings whiffed three times in the leadoff spot.

"I was getting crazy the last couple of days because I didn't pitch," Nova said. "I was wait-



New York Yankees starting pitcher Ivan Nova throws against the Tampa Bay Rays in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Sept., 15, 2012, at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Yankees won, 5-3.

ing for this moment."

White Sox 5, Twins 3

In Minnesota Francisco Liriano took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, Paul Konerko homered and drove in three runs Saturday, and the Chicago White Sox stayed on top of the AL Central with a 5-3 victory over the Twins.

The White Sox entered the day with a one game lead over Detroit in the Central.

Liriano (6-11) was tremendous against his former team, allowing only a two-out homer in the seventh to Trevor Plouffe. He walked two, hit a batter and struck out nine in seven innings.

Samuel Deduno (6-4) struggled with his control from the start, throwing only 40 of his 86 pitches for strikes.

Tigers 5, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Anibal Sanchez took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Detroit beat the Indians despite losing a run on an appeal play.

Sanchez (3-5) struck out seven over 6 2-3 innings as Detroit stayed one game behind the first place Chicago White Sox in the AL Central with its fourth straight win.

Carlos Santana spoiled Sanchez's no-hit bid with a two-out triple in the seventh, but Cleveland was officially eliminated from the playoffs after falling to 16-45 since the All-Star break. Starter Justin Masterson (11-14) took the loss.

Athletics 5, Orioles 2

In Oakland, Stephen Drew homered and made a pair of big

defensive plays to back Jarrod Parker, and the Athletics beat the Orioles.

Chris Carter had a two-run double as part of a five-run third inning while Josh Reddick added two hits and an RBI for Oakland, which has won two straight over Baltimore to clinch the season series between the top two teams in the American League wild card race.

The A's also pulled within two games of first-place Texas in the AL West, the closest they've been since April 13. The Rangers lost to Seattle earlier in the day.

Red Sox 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Pedro Ciriaco drove in the tiebreaking run with a two-out double in the ninth inning, Cody Ross hit a solo homer and the Red Sox won their second straight, beating the Blue Jays.

After stranding runners at third base three times in the previous five innings, the Red Sox finally broke through in the ninth. Jarrod Saltalamacchia led off with a double against Steve Delabar (4-2), Ryan Lavarnway struck out and Saltalamacchia moved to third on Mike Aviles' flyball. Ciriaco followed with a double to left.

Mariners 8, Rangers 6

In Arlington, Justin Smoak homered in the eighth and drove in a run in the ninth to lead the Seattle Mariners to an 8-6 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

Smoak had three hits, two runs and three RBIs.

Seattle built a 6-0 lead in the first three innings before Texas

rallied to tie the game.

Lucas Luetge (2-1) got two outs for the victory while Tom Wilhelmson got the final four outs for his 27th save in 30 chances.

Royals 3, Angels 2

In Kansas City, Ernesto Frieri needed just four pitches to ruin a spectacular start by Zack Greinke, giving up two home runs in the ninth inning as the Royals rallied to hand the playoff-contending Angels a stunning loss.

Frieri (3-1) replaced Greinke with one out in the ninth after Alex Gordon singled. Billy Butler homered to center on Frieri's first pitch to tie the score. Three pitches later, Salvador Perez homered off the left-field pole for his first career walkoff homer.

The Angels entered the day 2 1/2 games back of Baltimore and New York for the second wild-card spot in the AL.

Braves 5, Nationals

In Atlanta, pinch-runner Jeff Baker scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning when reliever Ryan Mattheus hit Andrelton Simmons' uniform with a bases-loaded pitch that helped the Braves beat the Washington Nationals, 5-4.

Jason Heyward and Freddie Freeman homered for the Braves, who have won the first two games in the series and nine of 13.

Atlanta moved within 6 1/2 games of first-place Washington in the NL East. The Braves began the game with a seven-game lead over third-place Los Angeles in the NL wild-

card race.

Pirates 7, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Andrew McCutchen homered and reached base four times, and the Pirates held off a late rally to snap a seven-game losing streak with a win over the Cubs.

Wandy Rodriguez (11-13) held Chicago to three runs—one earned—in helping the Pirates stop their free-fall in the NL playoff race. Pittsburgh had lost 17 of 22, yet was just three games behind St. Louis for the second NL wild-card slot entering the day.

Rodriguez is 3-0 with a 1.40 ERA over his last four starts after struggling initially upon being acquired midseason from Houston.

Marlins 6, Reds 4

In Miami, Carlos Lee homered and drove in three runs to help the Marlins beat the Reds.

Mark Buehrle (13-12) allowed four runs on seven hits over 7 2-3 innings to improve to 4-1 in his last six starts. Jose Reyes had three hits and also drove in a run for Miami.

Johnny Cueto (17-9) suffered his third straight loss and failed to last five innings for the second straight start. Cueto gave up six runs on nine hits in 4 1-3 innings, and hasn't won since August 28 at Arizona. Ryan Ludwick homered for the Reds in the eighth to make it 6-4.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Buster Posey had a two-run home run in the fifth to help the Giants beat the Dia-

mondbacks.

Barry Zito scattered six hits and one run over 6 2-3 innings for the Giants, who have won four straight and 22 of their past 32. Zito (12-8) walked one and struck out four. Sergio Romo pitched the final 1 1-3 for his 11th save.

Justin Upton hit his 14th home run for the Diamondbacks, who have scored four runs or fewer in 12 straight home games to match a franchise record.

Astros 5, Phillies 0

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel pitched five-hit ball into the sixth inning and the Astros beat the Phillies and avoided their 100th loss of the season.

The Phillies were slowed in their surge for an NL playoff spot for the second time in three games by the worst team in the big leagues. Philadelphia entered the day three games behind St. Louis for the final wild-card spot. The Cardinals played the Dodgers later Saturday.

Brewers 9, Mets 6

In Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks hit a two-run homer during a five-run fourth inning to lift the Brewers to a win over the Mets.

Trailing 4-1 in the fourth the Brewers rallied for five runs to win for the 19th time in 25 games and stay in the hunt for a wild card. The Mets lost for the ninth time in 11 games.

Weeks' homer capped the inning and was his 20th of the season. He also had a double, scored two runs and drove in three.

Padres 4, Rockies 3

In San Diego, rookie Casey Kelly carried a shutout into the seventh inning and Jesus Guzman hit a three-run homer, leading the Padres to a win over the Rockies.

Kelly (2-1), making his fourth major league start, kept the Rockies off balance with a mixture of fastballs and curveballs. He allowed three runs two earned on seven hits over six-plus innings with six strikeouts.

Luke Gregerson pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in 12 chances.

Dodgers 4, Cardinals 3

In Los Angeles, Luis Cruz came up with his second clutch hit in two nights, a tying two-out RBI double in the ninth inning, and pinch-hitter Juan Rivera followed with a run-scoring single to lift the Dodgers to a victory over the Cardinals.

Jason Motte (4-5) came in trying to protect a 3-2 lead for Jaime Garcia and retired his first two batters. But Andre Ethier kept the Dodgers alive with a single and pinch-runner Dee Gordon stole second before Cruz drove him in with a drive that center fielder Jon Jay barely missed on a diving attempt in front of the warning track.

On ice: NHL locks out its players



NEW YORK (AP)— The clock struck midnight, and the NHL turned into another sports league closed for business.

Unable to reach agreement on a new labor deal, the National Hockey League locked out its players at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, the third major pro sport to impose a work stoppage in the last 18 months, behind the NFL and NBA.

The action also marks the fourth shutdown for the NHL since 1992, including a year-long dispute that forced the cancellation of the entire 2004-05 season when the league successfully held out for a salary cap.

That fight ended with the latest collective bargaining agreement, and when it ended Commissioner Gary Bettman followed through on his long-standing pledge to lock out the players if no deal was in place.

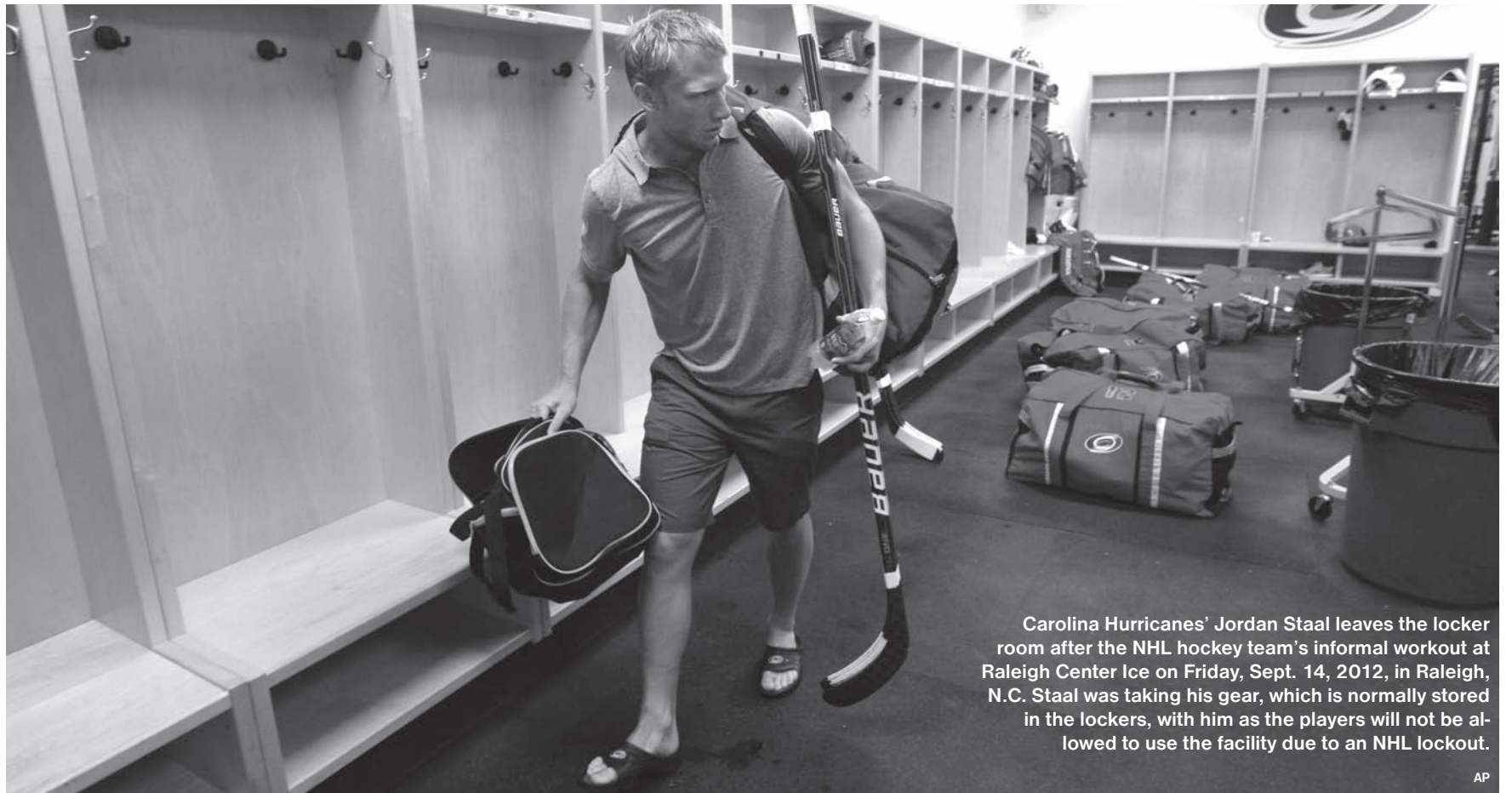
NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the shutdown was in effect. The union said it would have no comment.

The sides were so far apart in their discussions that they didn't even meet face-to-face for negotiations on Saturday.

The core issue is money - how to split a \$3.3 billion pot of revenue. The owners want to decrease the percentage of hockey-related revenue that goes to players, while the union wants a guarantee that players annually get at least the \$1.8 billion in salaries paid out last season.

Hours before the deadline, the lockout was considered a foregone conclusion.

"We talked with the union



Carolina Hurricanes' Jordan Staal leaves the locker room after the NHL hockey team's informal workout at Raleigh Center Ice on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, in Raleigh, N.C. Staal was taking his gear, which is normally stored in the lockers, with him as the players will not be allowed to use the facility due to an NHL lockout.

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this morning, and in light of the fact that they have nothing new to offer, or any substantive response to our last proposal, there would be nothing gained by convening a bargaining session at this time," Daly said in a statement earlier Saturday. "I'm sure that we will remain in contact in the coming days."

The dispute is latest chapter in labor unrest that has vexed American professional sports. The NFL was locked out for much of the offseason in 2011 while the last NBA season was shortened from 82 games to 66 and began on Christmas.

Baseball successfully reached a labor deal and some have suggested that the fact MLB didn't have a work stoppage has to do with the fact that baseball has no salary cap, allowing for more wiggle room in negotiations.

Despite a third straight day of telephone discussions between Daly and players' association special counsel Steve Fehr, the brother of NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, hopes of face-to-face talks were dashed early Saturday.

"We suggested that the parties meet in advance of the owners' self-imposed deadline of

midnight tonight," Steve Fehr said Saturday in a written statement. "Don Fehr, myself and several players on the Negotiating Committee were in the City and prepared to meet. The NHL said that it saw no purpose in having a formal meeting."

"There have been and continue to be private, informal discussions between representatives of both sides."

It now appears unlikely that training camps will open next week. The regular season is scheduled to begin Oct. 11, but that is also in peril.

"It's a sad situation for ev-

erybody. Nobody wants to be in this spot," Detroit Red Wings defenseman Niklas Kronwall said.

"We couldn't agree on a deal. We see it one way, and the owners another way unfortunately."

Jets' Revis ruled out vs Steelers with concussion



F L O R H A M PARK, N.J. (AP) —The New York Jets will face the Pittsburgh Steelers' speedy receivers without Dar-

relle Revis.

The All-Pro cornerback was ruled out Saturday for the team's game at Pittsburgh on Sunday with a concussion that left Revis "in a fog" after the injury occurred in the season opener against Buffalo.

Coach Rex Ryan said Revis was cleared for non-contact practice for the first time Friday, but will not travel to Pittsburgh with the team Saturday.

"We followed NFL protocol this week," Ryan said, "and we'll always follow NFL protocol when it comes to concussions, but Darrelle is ruled out for the game."

Revis needed to be cleared by the team physician and an independent neurological consultant in order to first practice and then play. He was injured when he made a diving tackle attempt on C.J. Spiller and teammate Bart Scott accidentally kicked him in the head.

The Jets will also be without tight end Dustin Keller and linebacker Bryan Thomas, both with hamstring issues. To make up for the loss of Keller, one of quarterback Mark Sanchez's favorite targets, New York signed tight end Dedrick Epps - who was in training camp with the Jets—off Chicago's practice squad.

Pittsburgh might be without a few key defensive players,

too, as safety Troy Polamalu (strained right calf) and linebacker James Harrison (left knee) didn't practice Friday and were questionable for the game.

Revis has missed just three games in his career, all in 2010. Now, the Jets will head to Pittsburgh with a tough matchup coming up with the Steelers' trio of Mike Wallace, Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders.

Kyle Wilson, a first-round draft pick in 2010, will start in Revis' place opposite Antonio Cromartie. Ellis Lankster will move in Wilson's usual nickel-back spot. Safety Eric Smith is also expected to make his season debut after being hobbled since the preseason with hip and knee injuries.

"With Darrelle not playing, we have a lot of confidence in Kyle Wilson," Ryan said. "Obviously, he has to step up in a starter role, which he's ready for. Ellis Lankster and Isaiah Trufant will share some nickel and dime responsibilities. It'll be good to get Eric Smith back, and we think he's ready to roll. The guys that are stepping up in this case, I always believe, the guys who step up and replace that guy, have to maintain that level—or maybe even a little better."

"In this case, we'll take a little less with the Darrelle Revis deal."

A few minutes before Ryan's announcement, Revis said he "felt good" being back on the field, but knew the "the clock is ticking" on whether he would be available.

Rose says knee's improving



CHICAGO (AP)—Derrick Rose couldn't hold it in.

He had just seen a video clip of himself tearing the ACL in his left knee and then rehabilitating the injury. He was asked about his fans' support and the emotions came pouring out, a stream of tears and heartfelt appreciation. His voice cracked as he answered.

"It's truly a blessing with all the stuff that is going on in the city," said Rose, a product of the tough Englewood neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. "A kid from Englewood's got something positive going on. That makes me feel so good. ... To have my true fans, that means a lot to me and I know it means a lot to my family."

It hasn't been the easiest time for the Chicago Bulls' superstar. Even so, he can see the improvement.

Rose says his surgically repaired knee is getting better and that he started jumping "a couple days ago," another step in his recovery. He is rehabilitating five days a week in an effort

to return this season after that devastating injury.

Rose spoke Thursday at an unveiling of his new shoe and apparel line for Adidas. The 35-minute session was led by a company executive, and he did not take questions about basketball from the media. But the video got to him.

"Derrick is just as authentic as you can get," said Adidas global basketball vice president Lawrence Norman, who moderated the session. "There's no way you can measure that. That's probably the most important thing because that's the most endearing quality to his fans and to all of us."

It's also a big reason why his story - from South Side to stardom with his hometown team and now a comeback from a major knee injury - is such a big focus of the campaign surrounding the new product line. Rose hasn't said much about it since he went down. Other than video clips posted online and an interview with CSNChicago.com, he's been mostly quiet.

Rose tore the ACL late in the

Bulls' playoff-opening win over Philadelphia, a huge setback that sent them spiraling toward a first-round exit after capturing the top seed in the East. The injury is expected to keep him out for a major chunk of the season. And even when he returns, it remains to be seen when or even if he'll regain the explosiveness that made him one of the game's best players.

"Everybody says All-Star break (to return), but we don't tell him that," older brother Reggie Rose said. "It's really just his mental psyche. That's the major thing we have to work on and his (confidence) playing with the injury, just knowing it was an injury and it's not still an injury." Derrick Rose has been rehabilitating in California. That figures to change with training camp starting in a few weeks, but the results so far have been good.

"His body is looking amazing, his core and everything," Reggie said. "Right now, he's running a little bit. He's shooting. I know one of the major things he's going to have to have is his cardio."

Rose still experiences some

soreness in his leg, but he sees the strides.

"I think this is the only time in my life I've worked on my core as much as I do now," he said.

Rose also endorsed his team, even though it'll have a different look.

Not only will the Bulls be missing their star for much of the season, the so-called "Bench Mob" is basically no more. Kyle Korver, Omer Asik, C.J. Watson and Ronnie Brewer are gone. In their place are veterans Kirk Hinrich, Nate Robinson and Nazr Mohammed, and there was Rose insisting the Bulls shouldn't be written off.

"That's my only goal is to win a championship," Rose said. "Hopefully, it's soon. I'm going to put my heart into it, whatever I do on and off the court. With the team that we have now, we have a good chance. We have a good shot with the players that we have coming in. With the players that we lost, I'm definitely going to miss them. But it's a business first and you're not going to have the same people every year. The players that we have and the coaches that we have, we're just going to have to make do and go out and try to win a championship."

DJ Fish noses into first in SEDA's Fanihi field

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Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's DJ Fish holds sole leadership in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association B Fanihi division after last week's games in the 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Dart League.

DJ Fish bumped off VFW Post 3457's Naughty Boyz (55-50) in the top spot after a lopsided 11-4 home win against the latter. DJ Fish improved to a 67-30 record, one win ahead of VFW Post 3457's Naughty Boyz.

Joe's Steakhouse's Oneshot (66-39) slammed Jonny's Rehab, 10-5, for a share of place. Naked Fish's IT&E Na'Gupu (61-44) downed Oceanside Bar & Grill's Shooters (39-66), 9-6, at home and Es'y Kitchen's Kitchen Darters (55-0) improved to fourth place after a 9-6 road win over sister-team Taya Guaha (39-66).

In the Thursday's B Flame Tree, Kyodai's dominance dwindled a little last week, but



Oceanside's Triple Threat players pose for a photo after downing the VFW Post 3457's Delubyo, 9-6, in SEDA's Tuesday B league last week.

it still has a six-game cushion after a close 8-7 road win against VFW's Dutty Gunz (44-61); Kyodai boasts a record of 71-34.

In other results, Naked Fish's Team Exotic (64-41) trampled Bammy's Taok'Ko Hao on the road, 11-4, and moved into second place, surpassing Joe's Real Deal (63-42) which schooled sister-team Dart K'nythes (42-63) in a road draw, 10-5.

Bammy's Liliapuching (58-47) logged a stout 12-3 road rout over the Juvy Refaluans (36-69) at Sand's.

Fantastic Baby! ran through the M-Destroyers, 11-6, at Oceanside on Wednesday to build up its record to 78-41, but it gave up a game to second-ranked Joe's Dart Seekers (73-46), who whipped Sand's Juvy Especialist (27-92), 12-5, also

on the road.

In other results VFW's Maharot Crew (66-53) mounted a 9-8 road upset against Es'y's Diamond Force (69-50), and SOS's The Joker (64-55) defeated sister-team Mixblood Rookies (48-71), 11-6, at home.

Notables remain a 152-high in by Kyodai's Ton Tomokane and a 114-high out by his teammate, Allan Cabrera.

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"I believed we are the first one to get the hosting rights for the first half of the Junior ITF calendar. There will be more Junior ITF ranking events to be held next year around the world and we're honored to be chosen as one of the hosts," said Race.

"We will form a committee to look into the preparation for this tournament. We will also work with the business community to get their support. We want to

make a good impression in our first hosting job, so we can host more ITF tournaments in the future," the NMITA added.

Race said the CNMI-hosted Junior ITF event will run from May 21 to 26 at the Pacific Islands Club with 60 to 70 players from around the world expected to compete in the Grade 5 tournament. The competition is an introduction to the Junior ITF Circuit and awards 30 ranking points to the champion, 20 to runner-up, 15 to the semifinalists, 10 to the quarterfinalist, and 5 to the losers in the

Round of 16.

"We will have 32 players each in the girls and boys main draws and 16 apiece in the qualifying draws. CNMI players will get slots both in the main draws and qualifier. Hosting this Junior ITF tournament will give our young players a better shot at gaining world ranking points," Race said.

The last CNMI junior players to get Junior ITF ranking points was Ji Hoon Heo, who is now with the Morehead State University in Kentucky and will be playing in NCAA

Division I this season.

"Earning Junior ITF points is a good stepping stone toward getting a college scholarship," Race added.

Thea Minor, Christian Miller, Rafael Jones, Negahr Rastguir, and Mikayla Lopez competed in Junior ITF events in Fiji last month, but were eliminated right in the first round of the main draw. Jones and Minor also joined Junior ITF events in 2011, but missed ranking points. Usually, players need two to three wins in the main draw to earn ranking points.

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back races held in Banzai. Last Sept. 8, Smith also prevailed in the 7th POWERade Banzai Memorial Off-Road Half Marathon.

In the women's division, Mamiko Oshima-Berger completed a three-peat after clock-

ing in at 22:45.

Joining Smith and Oshima-Berger in the top winners list were U8's Sean Hill and Juliana Hall, U12' Misaki Kitami and Malika Miyawaki, and U18's Daniel Lim and Adelle Hudkins. Official times of the age group winners were not listed on the copy of the race results *Saipan Tribune* received.

Winners were awarded with gifts from event sponsors, while raffle prizes were also given away after the race.

Meanwhile, SIS Mili Saiki thanked all the runners who joined the weekend race. She added that proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for school improvement.

Saiki also thanked the following for supporting the

race: ATOM'S, 747 Dining & Bar, DFS Galleria, Subway, Deloitte, Marianas Medical Center, Smile Marianas, AIC Marianas, Fishing and Tackle, Delta, Island Massage, Kanoa Resort, IT&E, Brothers Acupuncture, Pacific Islands Club, Linda, Judy's Café, Salty Saipan, Auntie Song, Pacific Airport Service, Ananas, and National Office Supply.

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Hoopaholics' Edwin Camacho and Zach Babauta alternately hounded Mobil top gun Jun Estolas. With Estolas facing leech-like defense from the Hoopaholics, Marvin Rabauliman, Banjo Basila, Jomary Tumaquip, and Ron Gamboa had to find ways to save Mobil.

Rabauliman scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter with the last deuce, keeping Mobil in the game, 63-64, with less than a minute left on the clock.

Babauta then missed an open jumper from the right baseline for the Hoopaholics in the ensuing play and the Joe Diaz-coached team gave up two quick

fouls, sending Basila to the foul line. Basila calmly drilled the pressure-packed charities to put Mobil on top, 65-64, 18.3 seconds left in the game.

The Hoopaholics sued for time to set up its next play, but failed to execute its first option when Mobil gave up an early foul—only the team's third. The Hoopaholics tried again, but Camacho lost the leather on an isolation play against Tumaquip, who picked up the loose ball. The Mobil guard then dribbled out of traffic and before Hoopaholics could foul him to stop the clock, Tumaquip jumped out a pass to a sprinting Gamboa.

Gamboa, who just played in the last one minute of the match, converted the acrobatic shot against the outstretched arms

of Ben Lisua for Mobil's 67-64 advantage, 5 ticks to go. Mobil then committed another preemptive foul and when the game was reset, the Hoopaholics' Trevor Ogumoro lost the ball, too, off a spin move from the right wing. Tumaquip had another pickup and threw the ball to their frontcourt as time expired.

Mobil and the Hoopaholics were neck-and-neck in the first half with neither team managed to go up by more than 4 points. Then in the second half, the Hoopaholics had a tight watch on Estolas, who made 9 points in the first half. Estolas was held to three field goals in the entire second half and only two points in the third period. Mel Manibusan and Trevor Ogumoro combined for 14 points in the third, as the Hoo-

paholics attempted a breakaway before Badong Camacho and Rabauliman teamed up in a 10-2 windup to keep Mobil afloat, 45-48, entering the fourth canto.

Rabauliman top-scored for Mobil with his 23 points.

Meanwhile, Hi-Five (1-1) got a free win after Armatech/LED Lights (0-2) was forced for forfeit the second match of the night due to a shorthanded roster (4 players).

Mobil 67 – Rabauliman, 23, Estolas 15, Basila 13, Camacho 6, Tumaquip 6, Gapor 2.

Hoopaholics 64 – Lisua 18, Ogumoro 16, Mendez 4, Camacho 4, Fital 3, Tenorio 3, Litu-limar 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-11, 30-28, 45-48, 67-64.

Also on Wednesday, Hafa Mas defeated Oceanside's Shot-tas (41-64), 10-5, at home to improve to a 73-32 slate.

Hafa Mas stretched its lead over Sand's Bar's Lupeyt (70-35) to three games after the latter grinded out an 8-7 road win over VFW Post 3457's Warriors (56-49).

Notably, Lupeyt's sister-squad Aschoascho (32-73) also mustered an 8-7 upset on the road against Oceanside's M-Side Shooters (31-74).

Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Zyndiakto (69-36)

made it past Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Island Apparel OH! MG (48-57) at home, 8-7, to maintain its third position, while SOS's Joker Royal (62-43) lit up Jonny's Sparks (43-62) at home, 11-4.

Notables remain a 150-high in by Island Apparel-OH! MG's Carol Chargualaf and a 138-high out by the Sparks' Isaac Aguon.

In the Tuesday B, Oceanside's Triple Threat remains on top with a 76-29 slate after beating the third-ranked VFW Post 3457's Delubyo (60-45), 9-6.

RBC

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12-5 lead in the first quarter, as Rollers 1 needed to warm up its engine. Rollers 1 then got revved up in the second period and pulled within a basket at halftime, 18-20, thanks to CJ Morales' 9 points.

William Camacho took the seat in the second period after providing Proa with 8 points early in the game and Ankie Manalili was the only one who stepped up on offense as the defending champion had its hand full on the other end of the court.

After the break, Rollers 1's Prince Factor and Emerson FERIA took over the game, teaming up for 14 points in the third quarter and putting their squad in the lead, 37-32, heading into crunch time.

Camacho grinded out eight points in response in the fourth quarter, but the Rollers' 1-2 punch added 11 markers in the final period to secure the win. The pair finished with a total of 25 points, while Morales also had double figures, adding 11. Camacho and Kobe Mendoza combined for 26.

In the second game, Hi-5 buried a couple of three-pointers right off the bat and do-it-all man Wilfredo Francisco scored six early points for their slim 18-17 edge.

Rollers 2's Warren Ellama pulled a five-point string late in the opening period to keep up with Hi-5 and his teammates bit down on defense in the second quarter to wrestle the lead at midpoint. Rollers 2 contained

Hi-5 to seven points in the second canto to move in front at halftime, 28-25.

The game remained close through the third quarter, as both teams shared the ball well before Rollers 2 managed to save a 3-point cushion 37-34, heading into the final canto.

In the end, Hi-5 scratched and clawed, as the Rollers 2 would not be denied with John Darag and Michael Espinosa teaming up for 25 points and Ellama chipping in 9. Francisco had a team-high 15 on the short end.

Meanwhile, U16 games will resume this Saturday with D-South facing Rollers 1 at 9am; Rollers 2 meeting Rollers 3 at 10:15am; and Proa challenging Hi-5 at 11am.

In today's U20 match at 5:30pm, the Chalan Kanoa Saints debut against RBC's Rollers 1 (0-1).

First Game

Rollers 1 48 – Factor 14, FERIA 13, Morales 11, Ano 7, Iglesias 3.

Proa 42 – Camacho 16, Mendoza 10, Manalili 8, Javier 3, De Leon 2, Wanket 2, Quinn 2.

Scoring by quarters: 5-12, 18-20, 37-32, 48-42.

Second Game

Rollers 2 47 – Darag 15, Espinosa 10, Ellama 9, Alcor 4, Cenir 4, Cadua 2, Fidelino 2, Kwon 1.

Hi-5 45 – Francisco 15, Cruz 8, Borromeo 7, Aruoga 4, Mercene 4, Ocaya 3, Cristobal 2, Wong 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-18, 28-25, 37-34, 47-45.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	82	63	.566	—
Baltimore	81	64	.559	1
Tampa Bay	78	67	.538	4
Boston	66	80	.452	16 1/2
Toronto	65	79	.451	16 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	78	66	.542	—
Detroit	77	67	.535	1
Kansas City	66	79	.455	12 1/2
Cleveland	60	86	.411	19
Minnesota	60	86	.411	19

West Division

Texas	86	59	.593	—
Oakland	84	61	.579	2
Los Angeles	79	67	.541	7 1/2
Seattle	70	76	.479	16 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	89	56	.614	—
Atlanta	83	63	.568	6 1/2
Philadelphia	73	73	.500	16 1/2
New York	66	79	.455	23
Miami	65	81	.445	24 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	87	59	.596	—
St. Louis	76	70	.521	11
Pittsburgh	73	71	.507	13
Milwaukee	73	72	.503	13 1/2
Chicago	57	88	.393	29 1/2
Houston	47	99	.322	40

West Division

San Francisco	83	62	.572	—
Los Angeles	76	70	.521	7 1/2
Arizona	71	74	.490	12
San Diego	70	76	.479	13 1/2
Colorado	58	86	.403	24 1/2

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CNMI to host Junior ITF ranking event



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The CNMI was awarded the hosting rights for a world-ranking tournament in the first half of the 2013 season of the Junior ITF Circuit.



Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race confirmed the good news in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, saying the decision to allow the Commonwealth to host a Junior ITF tournament was made during the US Open in New York, two weeks ago.

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Tommy Choi is seen here getting ready to serve during last year's CNMI Junior Championships at the AMP tennis courts. The Commonwealth's junior players will get a chance to compete in a Junior ITF event next year when Saipan hosts a ranking tournament.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Mobil steals win from Hoopaholics

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Mobil snapped the Hoopaholics/Oceanside Bar's two-game winning streak after pulling off a 67-64 victory in the lone game played in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada

Gymnasium.

Mobil stole the win in the last 18.3 seconds and improved to a 2-0 record, as the Hoopaholics collapsed in the end after leading by as much as nine in the third period, 44-35.

The defending champion fell behind in the majority of the second half, as the

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Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman drives against Hoopaholics' Zach Babauta during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

RBC teams shine in Rotary's U16 opener

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Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 1, 2, and 3 squads all arose victorious in the U16 opener of the 2012 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League held last Saturday morning at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Rollers 1 stood up against the defending champion Proa, 48-42, in the curtain raiser and Rollers 2 held off Hi-5 in the second pairing, 47-45, while the third scheduled game resulted in a forfeit victory for Rollers 3 over RBC's D-South.

Proa jumped out to a healthy

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This file photo from last year shows Rollers 1 point guard CJ Morales, right, going for a pass down low to an open teammate during a game at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Another record field in SIS Fun Run

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For the second straight year, the Saipan International School Fun Run had a record field, drawing 253 runners.

Last Saturday's turnout surpassed the 199 runners registered in the 2011 edition of the annual fundraiser.

Leading the participants of the race from Banzai Cliff to the dumping site near the Cown-town Raceway and back to Banzai was overall top finisher and first timer Sean Smith. Smith completed the about 3.5-mile race in 20:54 to rule back-to-

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Saipan International School students head to Banzai Cliff during last Saturday's 12th SIS Fun Run.